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AUSTRALIA'S BEST 16 PLAYERS

By John Field

Who is the outstanding player in each of the 16 Philips Soccer League clubs?

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has the answer. A spot check through the "man of the match" points awarded by our correspondents produced some very interesting names.

Remember, every match played in the PSL is covered by a man from ASW. Our writers award points to the best player in each side on a scale from one to five.

At the end of the season, when all points are totted up, we shall name our "player of the year." That player will win a return air ticket to Europe.

And to make the contest even more interesting, there will be another return air ticket awarded to a reader of ASW.

For full particulars on this exciting contest and also an entry form, please turn to page 9.

To assist you in your choice of the top PSL player, we are today revealing the name of the player leading on points in every club. There are some surprising names on the list. Let ASW introduce the 16 pace-setters in club — not merit — order.

ADELAIDE CITY : John Nyskohus
BRISBANE CITY : Frank Pimblett
BRISBANE LIONS : Billy Williamson
CANBERRA CITY : Tony Brennan
FOOTSCRAY : Dennis Boland
HEIDELBERG : Jim Campbell
LEICHHARDT : Marshall Soper
MARCONI : Roberto Vieri
NEWCASTLE KB : Howard Tredinnick
PRESTON : Alan Whittle
ST GEORGE : Dez Marton
STH MELBOURNE : Jim Shirra
SYDNEY CITY : Joe Watson
SYDNEY OLYMPIC : Jim Redfern
WEST ADELAIDE : Neil McGachey
WOLLONGONG : Natch Vardareff

Later in the season, ASW will again publish the leading player in each team as a guide to readers who wish to vote in our contest. How many of the 16 named above will have been displaced at that time?
Wait and see!



Jim Redfern (left), Olympic's top player.

SCHEINFLUG'S AUSTRALIAN YOUTH SQUAD TASK

by Keith Gilmour

National coach Les Scheinflug has seen the selection of his final Australian Youth Squad delayed due to the omission of a number of starlets from the NSW squad.

NSW was the last State to prepare its team for the National Championships.

Some of Australia's best young players were left out when the squad was announced.

Scheinflug told us: "Raul Blanco and I would have been glad to handle the NSW squad, but NSW appointed its own coach."

"It didn't help matters, and now I will have to start all over again with some of the players."

Scheinflug, who has run the rule over 350 players in a bid to find Australia's best in trials conducted in all states, is not bound by NSW coach Ray Smirthwaite's selections.

"My job is to select Australia's best," he said simply.

Smirthwaite did have the problem that some players had difficulty in being available for training as they were needed by major clubs.

Three strikers with Philips Soccer League experience were not amongst

the NSW reserves.

Rob Slater is a St George regular who is consistently scoring in the PSL at 17.

Rene Licata is a Marconi regular, and Graeme Fletcher has appeared for Australian champions Sydney City.

Others with a high rating are Mike Quarmby (Blacktown City) and Marconi youth team goalkeeper Tony Veneri.

The Australian Youth Championships at Bruce Stadium, Canberra from May 11/18 will give Scheinflug his chance to select his first squad. The players will remain in camp from May 18/21.

After that he will have to test and blend in some of the players who merited selection in the first place.

Scheinflug's main other concern is that key players gain a reprieve from school, university and apprenticeship studies.

"We don't want problems such as we had with David Skeen in the 1981 series," he stated.

VITAL MEETING IN SYDNEY TONIGHT

ASW COMMENT

Tonight (Tuesday), the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs executive meets to discuss the crowd disturbances at last Wednesday's Ampol Cup Final between St George and Croatia.

The eyes of Soccer in this country will be on that meeting.

There is little doubt that a hooligan minority among Croatia's fans was responsible for the trouble last Wednesday. Those people hurled seats, bottles and cans in an ugly demonstration which could have meant serious injury for innocent spectators.

The vast majority of well-behaved Soccer followers is demanding strong measures be taken against the offenders. It is almost impossible for the guilty individuals to be identified, which means their club may have to accept the blame.

If the Federation is not severe, it will be branded as a toothless organisation incapable of maintaining law and order in NSW Soccer.

ASW has been told that a substantial good behaviour bond may be imposed, in addition to payment for damage at St George Stadium.

Is this enough? Some people would like Croatia banned from the Federation: others believe the time has come for the club, once again, to surrender its ethnic name.

But one point must be made perfectly clear. Once guilt is established, the NSW Federation executive tonight must be tough, even ruthless, when it hands out its punishment. If it is not, it will lose all credibility in the eyes of the public.

ALSTON ON THE WAY BACK

Noddy is coming back. Adrian "Noddy" Alston, one of Australia's most talented forwards of the past 15 years, is quitting England to settle in Wollongong.

Alston first came to Australia in 1967 and signed for South Coast United. He had previously played with Preston North End.

Alston quickly became a great favourite of the fans, playing with outstanding success for St George as well as South Coast.

He was selected for Australia in the 1974 World Cup campaign and did so well in that series that Luton Town lured him back to England for \$25,000 — a record Australian transfer fee at the time.

He wants to live and work in Illawarra and is keen to become involved in Soccer as a coach. A man with his playing record — plus English F.A. coaching credentials — should have little trouble getting a club.

EDITORIAL

One of the best-known barrack room ballads in the last World War had only four words. The words? "Why are we waiting." The words were repeatedly sung to the tune of "Oh Come All Ye Faithful".

This happened regularly whenever servicemen had to queue up for anything. It was a "must" at meal times in the mess.

So what has this got to do with AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY? We feel it is appropriate because Soccer in this country is talking constantly about new club competitions for 1983.

The Philips Soccer League plans to go regional. The NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs plans to launch a new, exciting, Super State League.

Yet all we get is talk. There are plenty of plans. The embryo is there. Will it terminate in abortion?

Everyone with the interests of Soccer at heart should be chanting "Why Are We Waiting?"

We were talking about PSL regionalisation with one of the top coaches in the game. He expressed real fears that the 1983 competition set-up may not be revealed until after the end of the 1982 competition.

He told us: "I'm worried that the wheels won't be set in motion until October or November. That would be far too late. If something is not done immediately, allowing clubs to thoroughly debate the issue, it'll be a rushed job. And when anything is rushed, you get an inferior product."

Similarly, if the State Federations are really serious about creating Super State Leagues, why haven't they announced the new format?

Talk is great. Action would be much better. What Soccer badly needs is some hurry-up from administrators capable of getting things done. If the men now in control of the PSL and State Leagues cannot produce the goods — and very quickly — let them stand aside and allow a new breed to take over.

Clearly, the question to be asked is ... "WHY ARE WE WAITING?"

It would be an interesting exercise to survey the balance sheets of the 16 PSL clubs. Interesting, but depressing.

We constantly hear alarming stories, which are certainly not just rumours, about the financial plight of many clubs.

A prominent player with a certain club was asked by a supporter on a recent Sunday morning: "How do you think the team will go this afternoon?"

The reply came quickly: "We're sure to win. The players were paid this week and they're in the mood to celebrate."

How many weeks are the players in that club not paid?

Financial over-commitment could kill Australia's national Soccer competition.

On ASW's UK page today, we carry a story about Aston Villa, the English first division champions, paying their manager \$30,000 a year. Contrast that with a reported \$50,000 a year offer to Tommy Docherty from a PSL club.

When will sanity return to Australian Soccer?

THE QUIET MAN URGES "A WIND OF CHANGE"

BY TOM ANDERSON

"A complete change of attitude must be forthcoming if Soccer in Australia is really going to take off," says PSL coach of the moment Doug Collins. "This must be to positive Soccer and positive thinking, both on and off the field."

COACH OF THE WEEK

"It must happen throughout the game at all levels and in both administration and the playing sphere."

"This will take a great deal of courage and character to achieve, but we must believe it will bring success."

"Half measures are no good and will only result in failure. It's either all the way or not at all."

"The time has come in football — all codes throughout the world — where the paying customer wants value for his entrance fee."

"If he doesn't get value, he will stay at home beside his television set or seek entertainment elsewhere."

"Soccer is the greatest game in the world — the only real international game, and, if played properly, the most entertaining spectacle of all."

"Negative thinking and defensive tactics kill the game and this fact must be accepted by one and all if the game is to progress in Australia."

"This is how it is and now is the time for some positive action."

Doug Collins, a mild-mannered operator as far as Soccer coaches go and

a gentleman at that, has won the respect of all who have come in contact with him since he arrived in Sydney last year to take over from Tommy Docherty at Sydney Olympic.

He has achieved the impossible, not only by successfully following in the footsteps of "The Doc" — probably the biggest extrovert in the game today — but by taking Olympic to the top of the PSL ladder.

It has happened through Soccer knowledge, excellent coaching, the ability to handle players and a temperamental committee and to win over the largest and most volatile support in Australian Soccer.

To be honest, I for one thought Dougie would really be in the hot seat after Olympic lost the first three games under his control.

Collins is totally committed to positive thinking and attacking Soccer and nothing can sway him.

Why should it? Olympic are top of the tree and their home gates are on the increase week by week.

Here indeed is a Soccer

coach who practices what he preaches.

"The tragic situation in England where clubs are going out of business has come about because of negative attitudes and defensive systems," Dougie said.

"Surely this is a lesson for us all to learn and to make sure we do not fall into the same trap."

"I think we have gone a long way to prove a point at Olympic by our positive methods and commitment to attacking football."

"Personally, I would not have it any other way and negative play is not in my repertoire and will not be adopted by any club I coach."

"Also, while on this subject, I must say I think it was a very positive step taken in England to introduce three points for a win and at least this shows they are trying to put their act together."

"Maybe this should have happened a few years ago."

Collins is also convinced his young Olympians are still far from their peak and the best is still to come.

"This team is playing to about 80 per cent its capabilities and the best is still to come," he declared.

"But our youngsters are learning fast and they are now believing in themselves and their capabilities and this



augurs well for the future.

"There are some fine young players here in Australia and if handled properly, there is no reason why they should not reach the top."

Dougie Collins is a man who thinks and chooses his words carefully before speaking.

But when he does decide to give his opinion, it's time to sit back and

listen, for believe me, it always hits the nail on the head!

Here is a man who has given Australian Soccer a great deal in the short time he has been here.

It is to be hoped his words of wisdom are heeded by all, as this great game of Soccer surges forth into the '80s here in Australia.



Sydney Olympic 3 (Redfern 2, Koussas) Footscray 0. At Pratten Park. Crowd: 7,150.

Preston 1 (Brown) Brisbane Lions 1 (Millman). At Conner Reserve. Crowd: 2,000.

Sydney City 3 (Kosmina 3) St George 1 (Duarte). At Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 2,781.

West Adelaide 4 (Honeyman 2, Sumner, Boath) Heidelberg 0. At Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3,760.

Leichhardt 3 (Bradley, Gray, Giampaolo) Newcastle 2 (Tredinnick, Lowe). At Lambert Park. Crowd: 3,000.

Brisbane City 1 (Carey) Canberra Arrows 3 (T. Byrne, Purdie, McLaren). At Spencer Park. Crowd 3,600.

Wollongong 0 Marconi 3 (Jankovics, Bozanic, Licata). At Wollongong Showground. Crowd 3,000.

Sth Melbourne 0 Adelaide City 3 (J. Nyskohus 2, Villani). At Middle Park. Crowd 4,000.

PSL LEADING GOALSCORERS

10 — Mark Koussas (SO)
9 — Charlie Egan (SM)
8 — Marshall Soper (L), Graham Honeyman (WA)
7 — John Nyskohus (AC), Ron Millman (BL), Doug Brown (P), John Kosmina (SC)
6 — Jim Campbell (H), Dez Marton (SG), Jim Redfern (SO)

	HOME					AWAY					GOALS	
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Syd Olympic	4	0	2	15	5	4	2	0	13	7	29	18
Leichhardt	4	1	1	12	8	3	2	1	12	7	24	17
Syd. City	4	1	1	11	4	3	0	3	8	7	19	15
St George	5	0	1	10	4	1	3	2	8	12	18	15
West Ad.	3	2	1	13	4	1	4	1	6	8	21	14
Marconi	4	1	1	14	6	2	1	3	5	7	19	14
H'berg	4	1	1	9	5	2	1	3	5	8	14	14
Preston	3	3	0	12	5	1	2	3	6	12	18	13
Bris. Lions	2	2	2	13	9	1	4	1	7	7	20	12
Canberra	2	2	2	10	9	1	3	2	9	12	19	11
Sth Melb.	2	2	2	10	7	1	2	3	9	11	19	10
Ad. City	2	2	2	10	7	1	1	4	4	9	17	9
Footscray	1	4	1	8	7	1	1	4	4	13	12	9
W'gong	2	1	3	8	13	2	0	4	4	13	12	9
Bris. City	2	3	1	10	9	0	0	6	1	21	11	7
Newcastle	1	2	3	7	10	0	1	5	5	15	12	5

WIN A TRIP TO EUROPE

Here is another coupon for AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY's exciting 1982 reader contest.

Fill it in, cut it out and mail it to ASW ... and you could be on your way to Europe with a free return air ticket.

There are no headaches connected with this contest. It is simple to enter and you may send in as many entries as you wish.

The more entries you submit, the bigger your winning chance.

All you have to do is predict the 1982 Philips Soccer League "player of the year" as judged by ASW writers.

Our reporters will attend every game in the PSL this year and will award points out of five to the best player in each team.

Last year's top PSL player on the votes of ASW experts was Terry Byrne of Canberra Arrows. Byrne won a return flight from Sydney to Rome by Alitalia jet.

We thought it would be a good idea if an

ASW reader, as well as the top player, could win a European trip. That's why we devised this new contest — especially for you.

ASW guarantees that EVERY coupon received at our office will go into the drum for the big draw at the end of the season.

At a special function, a distinguished guest will draw the coupons one by one out of the drum. As soon as he draws out a coupon with our "player of the year" correctly named, we'll have the contest winner.

From time to time during the year, ASW will list the names of players polling well. This will give you a valuable formguide. But the actual number of points for each player will NOT be published. (We cannot give away too many secrets!)

The contest will run through most of the PSL season, so why not develop the habit of posting in a coupon every week after you have read your copy of ASW?

Somebody must win. It could be you.

GREAT READER CONTEST

WIN A TRIP TO EUROPE WITH ASW

THE TOP PLAYER IN THE 1982 PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE, AS JUDGED BY ASW WRITERS, WILL BE:—

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LUCKY SPECTATOR PRIZES — 3 WRIST WATCHES 5 TEAM SOCCER BALLS FOR CHILDREN

ASW'S PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK JIMMY PATIKAS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Born: 18.10.63.
Height: 5 feet 10 inches.
Position: Midfield.
Previous clubs: Western Suburbs, Leichhardt.
Current club: Sydney City.
Favourite players: Joe Watson and Ian Souness.
Favourite overseas player: Georgie Best.

Australian Soccer, if it is ever to compete equally on a world level, must focus attention on all the young Soccer players who are playing the game.

Not only focus, but ENCOURAGE them to stick to Soccer as they grow older. Thousands of young boys drop out of the game far too early in their lives.

I do not blame the kids, but the system. Unfortunately for Australian Soccer, there are too many other sporting distractions that youngsters are not prepared to sacrifice their time to the required rigours that Soccer on a professional level demands.

Because Soccer is not self-sufficient in Australia, and that it cannot offer young players, as yet, a full-time career, we lose them in their thousands, especially to tertiary education.

However, there are exceptions, when every now and then we come across a young player who shows enormous dedication to the code, and, with great encouragement from his family and personal coach, the youngster eventually breaks through to the top level.

One such player is Sydney City's Jimmy Patikas — one of Australia's Young Champions.

Young Jimmy is hot favourite to captain Australia's

Youth team in the coming World Youth Championship in Mexico next year.

Patikas is the first to admit that Sydney City coaches, Gerry Chaldi and Eddie Thomson, have been largely responsible for the development of his game.

His father, Aris, took control of Jimmy's Soccer education during the early part of his career, but as the boy developed, Aris realised that professionals would have to intervene if his son was ever to make the top.

So Jimmy found himself at Sydney City where Chaldi and Thomson took over his Soccer development.

Today, Jimmy commands a permanent place in the PSL champions' midfield.

His coach, Eddie Thomson, says: "The boy never stops going forward, and quickly drops back when off-the-ball."

"I am one of Jimmy's biggest fans. I played against him when he first came to us, and realised his potential and was very impressed. His character is excellent and he has never been a problem to me at all."

Thomson added: "When Jimmy arrived back from Scotland this year, after his stint during the Australian off-season with Aberdeen, the same day he turned up at Marks Field ready to train. Can you beat that?"

I asked Thomson whether he found much difference in Patikas since coming back

from Scotland.

"No, nothing special. He is fitter and I must say he has become much more competitive. He goes in hard, believe me."

Patikas was surprisingly dropped from the Australian team which kicked off the World Youth Championship against Argentina at the Sydney Sportsground.

It's history now that Australia beat the World Youth Champions. Then the Young Champions of Australia travelled north to Newcastle two days later where they met Cameroon.

Understandably, Australia's line-up was unaltered, again leaving Patikas out.

But Australia was in trouble, as Cameroon streaked away to a 3-1 lead.

Australian coach Les Scheinflug made a change in the 74th minute, taking off left-attacking linkman, Incantalupo, and brought on Patikas.

Patikas hurled himself at the enemy with his solid, robust tackling, winning more ball for Australia.

Again it's history that Australia got off the canvas to level at 3-3 and take three points out of a possible four.

Then came the big clash against England at the Sydney Sportsground before a record crowd for the series of almost 29,000.

Patikas this time kicked off from the beginning of the match, and was assigned the task of shackling one of the big coloured English strikers, Finnegan.

But after Australia had gone to a shock early one-goal lead, from a magnificent shot by Mark Koussas in the 36th minute, Patikas abandoned his defensive duties and broke away into attack to set up little Paul Kay with a great scoring chance that

went wide.

Patikas gave a magnificent exhibition of tight defensive marking, and must be considered most unlucky when he was taken off in the 62nd minute, replaced by Ian Hunter in the midfield.

England found more room to move and in the 82nd minute, equalised with a header from coloured striker, Michael Small, to deny Australia victory.

Australia lost a thrilling quarter-final to eventual winners West Germany and with the WYC over, Patikas settled down to solid work for his club, Sydney City.

His coach Thomson, in the last few weeks, has instructed Jimmy to push forward much more into attack and wants goals from him.

Thomson has never been dissatisfied with Jim's work-rate, but now wants some goals from the lad.

So, Patikas eager to please his idol coach, started devoting some time to attack, and recently slotted two goals in his team's home match against Newcastle KB.

Last week, I went to see young "Zorba", as his coach affectionately calls him, to get some comments from the lad who could be Australia's captain in next year's World Youth Championship to be held in Mexico.

Patikas is easily Australia's most experienced Youth national player.

Let's now meet Jimmy (Zorba) Patikas.

Q: Which match is most memorable for you?

"My first PSL match against Westad in 1980 when I had to mark Peter Boyle. If you like, you can mention we won 2-1."

Q: What did the WYC series mean to you?

"The experience was fantastic. The quarter-final against West Germany in Canberra was magnificent."

Our readers at this point will remember that it was Patikas who in fact won a penalty for Australia, but was eventually missed by taker Mark Koussas.

Q: What are you studying?

"The matriculation course and I am trying to do the two years in one."

Q: I know that you think highly of your coach Thomson. What makes him a good coach in your eyes?

"He doesn't con you. He lays it on the line. He is very



JIMMY PATIKAS IN THE RAIN FOR SYDNEY CITY AGAINST LEICHHARDT

easy to talk to and is not arrogant. He is always there if you have any problems and he wants to know and is willing to help you."

Q: What would you like to see happen in Australian Soccer?

"Full-time Soccer."

Q: Who will win the PSL title this year?

"Sydney City. But Sydney Olympic looks real good at the moment."

Q: Who do you rate highly in the Olympic team?

"Katholos. 'Kat' is a real good, strong, skilful striker."

Q: Who will win the World Cup?

"Brazil, but I would like to see Scotland take it out as they are very skilful players. Look at Paul Sturrock, Dundee United's striker, and Aberdeen's midfielder, Gordon Strachan."

Q: Who named you 'Zorba'?

"Eddie Thomson. Who else?"

Q: What role has your Dad played in your Soccer career?

"A lot. But as I grew, he called in the professionals. You see, Dad and I fight a lot over Soccer. When I reckon I've had a good game, he's not satisfied. He's very hard to please. He is what you'd call a perfectionist."

Q: What about your trip to Scotland during our off-season?

"Everyone over there was great to me. The management, staff etc. The players showed me around. I must tell you something funny. The coach of Aberdeen, Alex Ferguson, caught us (John Paul De Marigny and myself) going to a disco and the next day he called us in to his office and made us both bend over and he caned us across the backside like school-kids. When he finished, he gave us a wink and smiled."

"The guys over there also called me 'Zorba' or 'Roo'."

"I was glad I had John Paul over there with me. We were

like brothers. We did everything together."

Q: Besides your social life in Scotland, what did you learn regarding Soccer?

"I learned by the trip in many ways. I feel that it has quickened my thinking on the ball, and I have sharpened my release of the ball as well as timing of the ball when shooting for goals. I feel my general play has improved but only this season will tell in Australia."

Jimmy Patikas is another young Australian Soccer Champion who has made the grade by sheer perseverance and dedication.

Australia's future in Soccer internationally depends entirely on names like Patikas, Hunter and Kay.

Another importance of players like Jimmy Patikas is that they appeal strongly to all our junior Soccer players as they relate to idols that are close to their age bracket and project encouragement to the youngsters.

VICTORIAN COACH HAS WHAT IT TAKES

by Rocky Di Zio

If experience and reputation are worth anything, new Victorian Women's State coach Ray Bullens will take his charges to unprecedented success.

Ray, a no-nonsense Englishman who arrived in Australia only two months ago, had a distinguished career as a goalkeeper with Wealdstone (Arrow) in the semi-pro league in England and played for Middlesex at representative level.

He took to coaching women's sides and achieved the ultimate success of league championship four times in seven years, twice with Wealdstone and twice more with top club Queens Park Rangers in the Home Counties League, one of the strongest in England.

His approach to the game is thoroughly professional and he stresses that women's Soccer is a serious sport in Europe and the rest of the world, lamenting about the image and lack of recognition that the game seems to have here in Australia.

"I will make it my duty also to try and have the game recognised as a major women's sport and to attract sponsors and backers, because obviously without them it would be impossible to achieve much in results and recognition."

Ray Bullens has had five weeks of training with a group of players, but as yet has not named the State squad, wanting to see the prospective candidates playing in competition with their respective teams. Last week he watched the Waverley v Dandenong game, in the first round of the season, and was very impressed both with the team standard and individual players.

"The standard of the game is surprisingly high and there are some very good players. I have no doubt we can put together a good team. I will be naming the final

th the Bendigo League in the next couple of weeks."

Victoria has a good record in national Soccer and has contributed some outstanding players to the national team: Kim Coates, Manika Weenee, Shona Bass and Tracy Singleton.

But no mention of Victorian, or Australian for

WITH THE GIRLS

that matter, women's Soccer can be made without mentioning the incredible contribution made by Betty Hoar, the State and National Associations secretary.

Betty, who still plays for



RAY BULLENS

Watsonia alongside her young daughter, has been the driving force behind the game since the inception of the Association, running it from her home and devoting an incredible amount of time and energy to keep it progressing. The Hoar family involvement in the game was total with husband Mick being the State coach last year.



LAST YEAR'S VICTORIAN STATE TEAM

BACK ROW (L to R): Mike Hoar (coach), Jenny Rampal (Dandenong), Annie Small (team doctor), Poppy Athanasiadis (Sth Melbourne), Heather Allen (Watsonia), Janette Melvin (Greensborough), Andrea Martin (Greensborough), Theresa Jones (Dandenong), Tracy Singleton (Springvale), Colleen Howarth (Footscray), Bernie Murphy (Monash Uni).

MIDDLE ROW: Lynn Wingrave (manageress), Jackie Goodman (Watsonia), Shona Bass, captain (Greensborough), Travey Hodge (Monash).

FRONT ROW: Carolyn Monk (Watsonia), Janine McPhee (Boronia), Margie Rust (Sth Melbourne), Karen Hume (Dandenong).

On April 24, the death of one of the stalwarts of the women's Soccer movement occurred in Pymble (Sydney).

Mrs Anne Gregory died after a long fight with terminal illness.

Anne will be long remembered for her participation in the Ku-ring-gai Women's Soccer Association where she played a prominent part in administration for many years.

A one-time journalist, she had a wonderful command of the English language and was immensely proud of anything connected with women's Soccer.

Anne was a delegate to the NSW Women's Federation for Ku-ring-gai and was at her best in the position of public relations officer for the Federation, where she took every opportunity of publicising the code.

Mrs Gregory was elected to the position of Federation secretary in NSW but had to relinquish the position due to increasing illness.

Although very ill, Anne Gregory insisted on being taken to the National Championships which were held at Chatswood last year to watch her beloved girls play.

Our sympathy is extended to her family and her husband Ted, who was the senior vice-president of the NSW Women's Federation before his wife's illness.

— DON BALMAIN

ENGLISH STAR Brian Greenhoff FOR STH MELBOURNE

By Mike Mystakidis

South Melbourne, after last week's crucial committee decision to shake-up the team by dropping three players, Shirra, Stevenson and Lutton, are looking now for youngsters and for a big English Soccer name.

Souths started as number one favourite to win this year's PSL title, but after only 12 rounds they have become outsiders.

This is something no one likes — Souths supporters, the committee or coach John Margaritis, who said to ASW. "Our supporters don't like to see their team second best. We are working very hard to give them what they deserve and what they like at any cost."

To restore their glory, by coming strong in the second round, South Melbourne is very close to signing an English first division stopper.

His name is Brian Greenhoff, former Manchester United player. Greenhoff is with Leeds United, and he now wants to play in Australia with Souths if negotiations have a happy ending.



BRIAN GREENHOFF

South Melbourne is also interested in Alan Ball, but the English star is having negotiations with a South Australian Phillips League team.

Brian Greenhoff was in Australia with Manchester United during their last visit, and also with England for the Centenary International.

nary International.

If Greenhoff signs with South Melbourne he may take Xanthopoulos' position.

Xanthopoulos would then probably move to midfield with Alan Davidson and Billy Rogers.

THE SAD STORY OF JIMMY DUNNE

by Jim Leslie

Brisbane's City Irish international, Jimmy Dunne, lying in Melbourne's Western General Hospital with a badly broken leg after last week's match with Footscray, is thankful that he broke his leg in Melbourne and not when his team was away in Sydney or in Adelaide.

"At least here I have plenty of friends, and I've had lots of visitors to take my mind off my problems," he said this week.

Jimmy, of course, was a big favourite of Melbourne fans when he played for Green Gully in 1980, the year he won the Bill Fleming Medal, the press writers' award, and would probably have won the Rothmans Medal that year too, but for being sent off.

Jimmy's wife Linda and children Nicholas and Tracey arrived in Melbourne on Friday, not so much through the efforts of Brisbane City, but thanks to the generosity of Jimmy's team-mates, who had a whip-round for Linda's fare. Even then, the



JIMMY DUNNE CARRIED OFF WITH A BROKEN LEG IN THE FOOTSCRAY BRISBANE CITY MATCH.

Dunnes themselves had to pay the children's fares and the family is staying with Green Gully president, Guy Spiteri.

"Guy and his wife, Jeanette, have been wonderful," says Linda Dunne, "I don't know what we would have done without them, in fact that goes for everyone in the Gully club,

like Mario Borg, who took time off work to come to the airport to pick me up and run me out to the hospital. When I got here on Friday, I was upset to find Brisbane City had not contacted the hospital once to ascertain Jimmy's progress. They're being content to let people here phone them with the news."

Now the Victorian and State team coaches, Tim White and Bob McLachlan, are discussing the possibility of staging a benefit match for Dunne, probably between the Victoria State team and a State League select, probably immediately after the Watford match on May 20. ends



Newcastle KB skipper Roy Drinkwater is showing good recovery from his cartilage operation and could be back in the side within the next few weeks, hopefully joined by two experienced English players.

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NEWCASTLE'S PENALTY BLUES

by Keith Gilmour

Newcastle blamed a penalty decision by stand-in referee Terry Seacy for their 3-2 loss to Leichhardt at Lambert Park on Sunday.

KB right-back Andy Thompson claimed that he had merely recovered quickly to get goalwards of Tony Morsello, who had fouled him with a push outside the box with just five minutes to go.

Seacy had taken the whistle after Brian Fowler had pulled a muscle 12 minutes after the break.

He pointed to the penalty spot. John Sneddon complained vehemently but the decision stood and Bas Giampaolo stroled up to despatch the winner without any fuss.

But Newcastle - poverty itself in the first half and scintillating in the second - can thank only themselves for the loss.

In the 64th minute, Col McAusland brought down Malcolm McClelland in the Leichhardt box. Senkalski stroled up to the ball, hit it to Greg Woodhouse's left, and the keeper dived to the correct side and blocked it.

Leichhardt were so confident in the first half that they dispensed with a right-back and moved Ian Gray into the middle to keep the attack flowing.

John Bradley accepted a Tony Morsello pass to score in the 28th minute after the Newcastle central defence had allowed him to slip through their fingers.

A Bradley free-kick five minutes later allowed Gray to race through without any real challenge to net the second goal.

David Jones added that badly-needed touch of class to

Newcastle when he came on after the resumption.

Newcastle were no longer the wooden spooners, and not even Senkalski's penalty lapse caused them to miss a beat.

They were unlucky not to score in the 69th minute when David Jones' shot took a deflection and went out of play.

Then left-back Howard Tredinnick angled a 'Col Curran' of a drive into the far top corner of the net.

David Lowe, now in full cry, capped a mighty move that flew across from Jones on the left to Craig Mason on the right back to the centre, as he goaled with a well-tossed header.

But then that Giampaolo penalty provided Leichhardt with the goal, and also the win that they had almost thrown away.

Afterwards Willie Wallace said that Marshall Soper had missed out by trying too many fancy moves that he is not cut out to handle, and that his team had not played the sort of second half football that champions produce.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Gray, McAusland, Bradley, Wilson, Pullen, Morsello, Burrows, Soper, Butler (McBreen 62), Giampaolo.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Thompson, Tredinnick, Smyth, Sneddon, Senkalski, Gemmell, Dooley (Jones 46), Lowe, Mason, McClelland.

REFEREE: B. Fowler (replaced by T. Seacy 57). Crowd: 3,000.



LEICHHARDT'S JOHN BRADLEY

HEIDELBERG HUMBLLED

by Tom McKain

West Adelaide humbled Heidelberg 4-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday and must now be seriously considered as contenders for the league title they won in 1978.

It was not just the scoreline that was impressive, but the way in which the Hawks went about demolishing the Warriors.

The first goal came from West's latest golden boy, Graham Honeyman, midfielder turned central striker.

Inside the box on the left he collected a pass from Adrian Santrac and crashed an angled drive past goalkeeper, Jeff Olver.

Then it was Allan Boath's turn with a pile-driver also from inside the box after a great cross from Graham Heys out on the right wing.

Into the second half and Honeyman struck again, this time in the 48th minute when he met a lobbed free kick with his head and guided the ball down into the right corner of the net as he went up with Olver.

Steve Sumner, playing only his second game after an eight-match injury lay-off, got the fourth goal.

He latched onto a ball on the left of the box and stuck it into the net in the 78th minute.

It was a dream "farewell game" for Sumner and Boath who left next day to join the New Zealand World Cup squad.

But it was not all West. Gary Cole looked set to score in the first half but Martyn Crook came off his line and stopped the point-blank shot.

Then in the second half a Jim Campbell shot was held low by Crook, and he also took a ball off Cole's foot.

But over the whole piece it was a frustrating day for the Victorians — Arthur McMillan, John Yzendoorn, Don McLeod, Jim Campbell and Theo Selemidis were booked by referee, Jim Rossis.

And with a minute to go he sent off Selemidis for repeated dissent.

He also booked West's midfielder, Mickey Brennan.

Apart from the goals West's defence also had a large share of the victory, with Robbie Dunn shackling Cole, and Tom Totsikas sitting on Campbell and Jamie Paton in turn, and sweeper Neil McGachey mopping up everything they missed.

Little Jimmy Rooney ran his heart out again along with Ken Taylor for Heidelberg but it was Boath and Sumner who dominated the centre of the park.

The only dampener on the game for home fans was that at forward Adrian Santrac had to be carried off on a stretcher in the 63rd minute with a knee injury.

He was replaced by Manecas.

The victory gave coach, Alan Vest, a run of six games without defeat.

He has a strong pool of players and feels sure he will be able to stop the gaps left by the departure of his Kiwi internationals.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, McGregor, Totsikas, Dunn, McGachey, Brennan, Boath, Sumner, Heys, Honeyman, Santrac (Manecas 63).

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Yzendoorn, McLeod, Rooney, Selemidis, Campbell, Paton, Yankos, Taylor, Cole.

REFEREE: J. Rossis. Crowd: 2,320.

SOUTHS MANY TRAUMAS

by Jim Leslie

So much happened off the field at South Melbourne last week that by the time Sunday's game against Adelaide City came around, it seemed almost like an anti-climax.

It all started on Tuesday when the committee held an emergency meeting, after which it issued a press statement saying that it still had faith and confidence in coach, John Margaritis.

The rumour factory had been working overtime with tales by people supposedly in the know that Tommy Docherty was "definitely" going to take over next week; in addition to which Green Gully coach, Bob McLachlan, also fanned speculation by making a newspaper statement that he was ready to quit the Gully for "another challenge".

Another approach was also made to Green Gully for either one of their full-backs, Peter Lewis or Gerry Bennet, but was unsuccessful.

Then the news was leaked that in the clean sweep of older players, John Stevenson, Jim Shirra and Bertie Lutton would be dropped and unknown 16-year-old, Tony Owen, who only

this season has graduated to the State League, would make his debut.

Shirra immediately said he wanted to return to Scotland, and was holding his own press conferences before and after the match.

So against this background it was an unhappy and unsettled South Melbourne that took the field, with young Owen lining up in a strange-looking midfield alongside Billy Rogers and Alan Davidson — back at long last after injury, and with captain Alun Evans sitting on the bench.

The game opened on a sensational note, Adelaide City storming down the left flank through Kiwi, Glenn Dods, and after a scramble in the South Melbourne penalty area, John Nyskohus pushed the ball past Peter Laumets. Although Steven Blair appeared to clear off the line, referee Dave Yelland awarded a goal and the game was only 90 seconds old.

With their tails up, Adci-

ty played a brand of Soccer well above their league standing, and hit South with another lightning strike four minutes into the second half.

South had won a corner and stretched it to two more, but couldn't make them count and a long, clearing kick out of defence found Charlie Villani who cleverly rounded Blair to fire past Laumets for goal number two.

Fifteen minutes from the end further confusion in the South defence let in John Nyskohus who slammed the ball home for number three, but long before then the South fans were streaming through the gate.

After the final whistle there was a half-hearted attempt by South's long-suffering supporters to start a demonstration, but this fizzled out because the crowd couldn't make up its mind whether to blame the coach, the players, or the committee.

STH MELBOURNE:



South Melbourne's new boy, Tony Owen, in action against Charlie Villani of Adelaide City.

Laumets, Jones (Evans 45), Xanthopoulos, Blair, Nicolaidis, Owen, Rogers, Davidson, Campbell, Egan, Buljevic.

ADELAIDE CITY: Fer-

guson, Russell, B. Nyskohus, Flounders, Banfield, Villani, Dods, Melta, Marocchi, J. Nyskohus, Northcote.

REFEREE: D. Yelland. Crowd: 4,000 approx.

OLYMPIC'S FLAT VICTORY

By John Economos.

Sydney Olympic defeated a 'coachless' Footscray 3 — 0 at Pratten Park, to still hang on to the PSL lead.

The Victorians travelled to Sydney minus coach Jaksa, who remained in Melbourne due to his wife's illness.

Olympic despite their victory, looked unusually flat, and seemed troubled to hit their straps with their customary fast, wide open play.

In fact they toiled ever so hard needlessly, instead of 'working' the ball. We are used to seeing Olympic's midfield knocking it wide, but in this match players lingered with their passes. One reason of course, was to try to pull Footscray out from their stacked defence.

In fairness to Olympic, Footscray didn't take the game to them, but were intent to sit back and wait for Olympic to push forward.

As early as the fourth minute, Koussas was almost in from short range, but the Victorian stand-in goalkeeper, Milutin Ciric, saved well around the corner.

Three minutes later, Olympic used a brand new move for a free-kick. In theory it was brilliant, but came unstuck.

First, Raskopoulos went over the ball. Katholos pushed it deep into the box for Redfern, who first-time squared it to Raskopoulos following through, but 'Rasko' hit the side netting from an acute angle.

The 11th minute came around, and so did Olympic's first goal.

Footscray's sweeper, Jim O'Reilly, attempted a back-pass, ever so lackadaisical, (he's a good player!) and Kou-

ssas intercepted to score from close range.

The 13th minute proved unlucky for Raskopoulos, as he missed an easy chance from close-range.

In the 30th minute, Olympic's solid linkman, Katholos, seemed frustrated by the general pattern of play, and busted up through the middle, crashing through Kondarios, and let fly with a 22 metre shot that crashed onto the cross-bar and came back out. Katholos was again on the spot to get his head to the rebound off the cross-bar, but was too far out.

Right on half-time, Raskopoulos set up a glorious chance when he squared across the face of Footscray's goal, but both Koussas and Redfern missed the chance

from three metres out.

The second half saw Olympic in full control, but again found Footscray just laying back waiting for them. Only Ilioski and Kojic seemed interested to push forward.

Olympic fired shots in at goal from Koussas, Redfern and Phillips, and all were magnificently saved by Ciric Footscray's goalkeeper, who was easily their best player, especially in the second half.

Ten minutes from full-time, Olympic were in for their second goal, when Andy Scott slung a good cross from the left flank, found Koussas in the box who immediately headed square to Redfern and the latter finished off well from close in.

In the 83rd minute, Olympic hit their third goal with a Red-

fern penalty. Raskopoulos sent his cross from the right into Footscray's box and Jimmy Redfern spun brilliantly on a sixpence to smash a shot towards goal, but Kyriakoulas 'hand-balled' on the line for referee Ken Small to award Olympic a penalty. Redfern scored with the penalty.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson, Rogers (K. Wilson 86th min), Rowden, Ziras, Scott, Phillips, Katholos, Raskopoulos, Redfern, Koussas, Redfern.

FOOTSCRAY: Ciric, Milne, Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Kyriakoulas, Belic (Ristovski 45th min), Kojic, Simic, Ilioski, Pljevaljevic.

REFEREE: K. Small.

KOSMINA SETS SLICKERS ALIGHT

BY TOM ANDERSON.

Sydney City, inspired by a hat-trick by John Kosmina, are back in business and intend keeping their PSL crown.

The Slickers demonstrated this in no mean fashion when they downed title pretenders St George 3-1 at the Sydney Athletic Field.

For the first time this season, the Slickers really looked the part and put it all together with a championship performance.

Socceroo striker John Kosmina had a great afternoon and grabbed his first hat-trick of the season.

Kosmina combined well with new signing David Mitchell and this combination will bring plenty of goals, once the Adelaide youngster really finds his Sydney feet.

The Kosmina - Mitchell duo exposed a weakness in the Saints central defensive set-up that, in the past few weeks, has threatened to cave in.

There is a lack of concentration in this department

and they will have to learn to mark tightly in the penalty area, otherwise more goals will be lost.

Goalkeeper Mike Fraser also had an unhappy afternoon against the aerial bombardment of Kosmina and Mitchell.

Kosmina's goals came in the 2nd, 26th and 51st minutes, with Denis Duarte on target for Saints in the 75th minute.

Following their hard midweek Ampol Cup Final against Croatia, Saints looked flat as a tack and could not lift their game.

They were lethargic in all departments and did not have their usual dash and determination.

This, plus the loss of star striker and experienced mentor Dez Marton, made it a very unhappy afternoon for the Saints supporters.

But despite this, nothing should be taken away from

the Slickers performance, which was workmanlike and at times, highly skilled.

When one thinks that they have three key players such as Ian Souness, Murray Barnes and Ken Boden to come back, this performance must have sent shudders down the spines of the other top teams.

As for Saints - don't write them off. They will have learned a lesson from this game which will no doubt stand them in good stead for the future.

And let's face it, they won't come up against a team of the calibre of the Slickers every week.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, Mullen, Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Spanos, Borges, Patikas, Watson, Kosmina, Mitchell (Murray 77th).

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliff,



St George's Rob O'Shea stands guard as Sydney Slickers' mercurial Joe Watson moves in.

fe, R.O'Shea, J.O'Shea, Barton, Stone, Slater (Duarte 45th), Wilkinson,

Griffiths.
REFEREE: Gary Power.
Crowd: 2781.

HERMISTON'S HEADACHE

By Greg Russell

Former Philips League "player of the year" Jim Hermiston has everything to lose and nothing to gain from playing this season with Brisbane City.

Hermiston came out of retirement last Thursday to play for the Gladiators in their 1-3 loss to Canberra City at Spencer Park on Sunday.

It could be one of the worst moves the former Lions sweeper could have made because on last weekend's showing, City are destined for relegation and if Hermiston plays out the rest of the season his form and reputation will inevitably be dragged down with them.

It came as a surprise to see Hermiston play again, although it was common knowledge he was keen to put his boots back on. It appeared his playing future was over when moves by Lions to entice him back failed about six weeks ago.

Until Thursday, Hermiston had been director of junior coaching at Brisbane City while his contract firmly stayed at Richlands with

a \$10,000-plus transfer fee attached to it.

But following the leg break to Gladiators sweeper Jimmy Dunne, Lions officials obviously thought that, at this stage of the season, any money for Hermiston was good money and they offered the player to City at a substantially reduced fee.

City were desperate, Hermiston was keen to play, and the deal was made.

Brisbane City were full of confidence when their "new-look" side took to Spencer Park, the very ground where this season, despite the club's woeful form, they had managed to remain undefeated.

The "new-look" side, which coach Nereo Saftich and his directors hoped would end their relegation worries, not only contained Hermiston but also boasted Sydney goalkeeper Tony

Pezzano, who looked more like a junior at representative trials, trying to do everything as quickly as he could while checking to see if the coach was watching; former Socceroo Steve Perry, who as a predominantly right foot player was out of position at left back in his first PSL game back from injury and Scottish import Joe Cairney, a player City might do well to part with.

Canberra Arrows did not play well but there would have been few top grade sides in Australia that could not have beaten City, a disjointed misguided outfit.

Their defence was a shambles. At one stage Hermiston, Perry and Frank Liddell were all playing sweeper. Their midfield was ineffective.

And as for the attack — it can be best summed up as saying sweeper, (or was he stopper?) or right back, anyway, defender Frank Liddell is the side's best striker.

City's goal came when Peter Carey was left alone



Jim Hermiston

by the Canberra defence which became a little slack when 3-0 up. Carey had the simple task of heading in from six metres.

Of the Canberra goals, the best was the last when Ian Purdie laid off a good ball to Con Maclaren who shot well.

The other two can be blamed on Tony Pezzano. He turned his back on a free-kick to put his cap in the back of the goal and turned to find Terry Byrne cracking a great 25 metres shot. Then he hid behind a

six-man wall to give Purdie two metres of space on the left of the goal to easily curl the ball in.

BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano, McVeigh, Hermiston, Liddell, Perry, Bohan, Pimblett, Hamilton, Carey (Vincenzino 89th), Cairney, Palinkas.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, Ambrosini, Matsopoulos, G. Byrne, Milovanovic, Stone, Gibson (Regis 83rd), T. Byrne, Maclaren, Christopoulos, Purdie.

REFEREE: Bill Monteverde.

STEVE'S BIG DEBUT

By John Field

Preston, worried over the loss of goalkeeper Richard Wilson — he has gone home to New Zealand to join the Kiwi World Cup squad — should stop worrying.

New goalie, Steve Potter, signed from the Victorian State League club, Melbourne Croatia, had a magnificent debut for Preston in the 1-1 draw against Brisbane Lions.

Lions dominated much of the match but time and again Potter cheated them of match-winning goals.

Not surprisingly after the match, Lions coach Joe Gilroy commented: "Preston's goalie saved them."

Preston had a big shake-up as the aftermath of the 4-1 defeat at Marconi a week earlier. Potter came in for Wilson; Steve Beech and Gary Ward were dropped and George McMillan was injured. Richard Miranda, Lube Petrovski and John Little replaced them.

Preston had the boost of a very quick goal. They took the lead in the fourth minute — the goal coming from Doug Brown who followed up a long pass from Miranda.

Lions danger man Ron Millman then tested new boy Potter twice in quick time but the goalie saved well. Millman did, however, get one goal to equalise for the visitors 10 minutes before half-time. Potter saved a free-kick by Alan Niven but the ball went to Millman who made no mistake.

Potter was again in action just after half-time — this time saving from Billy Williamson. Midway through the second half, both teams made changes . . . Danny Wright replacing Craig Lowe for Brisbane and Peter Ollerton displacing Preston's Rob Cullen.

In the 82nd minute, Danny Wright's shot hit the Preston crossbar following a good centre from Niven. It just wasn't to be Lions day despite their good approach work.

AS coach Gilroy said later: "All we need is a more patient build-up and when that is sorted out, Brisbane Lions will have an excellent team. Potter did very well for Preston."

Niven and Col Bennett were, as usual, capable defenders for the visiting team and Millman was the best of their forwards. Preston's hopes of the PSL title will not be helped unless they can improve on last Sunday's performance.

PRESTON: Potter, Petrovski, Fox, Miranda, Little, Boyle, Flavell, Whittle, Cullen (Ollerton 73rd), Lucchesi, Brown.

LIONS: Lowndes, McSkimmings, Bennett, Ferris, Niven, Hogg, Atmore, Burns, Low, Williamson, Millman.

REFEREE: Fearn.
CROWD: 3,000 (estimated).

WOLVES' EARLY SHOCKS

by Phil Murphy

Marconi scored twice in the opening four minutes to stun Wollongong City into submission and go on to a convincing 3-0 win at Wollongong Showground.

It looked like a case of double figures in the opening stages as Marconi grabbed their first two goals and the Wolves appeared to be in big trouble.

Once the home side recovered from their shock they played some good football in midfield but their attack never really troubled the well-drilled Marconi defence.

Always, well-marshalled

by Tony Henderson, Marconi's defence was in full control.

Mark Jankovics scored the first goal after just two minutes, racing in between defenders to head home a free kick from the left.

Then Wolves' goalkeeper, Natch Vardareff, was at fault when Marconi full-back, Vic Bozanic, scored from 40 metres when he was actually trying to find

the head of Ian Hunter.

Vardareff was caught well off his line anticipating the header from Hunter but the ball went over his head into the net.

Number three came after 56 minutes when left-winger, Renato Licata, crossed the ball to again find Vardareff off his line and the ball struck the keeper to fly into the net.

The home side lost pos-

session at vital stages many times but Lee Adam and John Fleming were probably their best players.

Ironically, Adam had his best game of the season but finished on the losing side.

For Marconi, Henderson was always strong in defence and he was well-supported by full-backs, Bozanic and Budini.

While Vardareff had a nightmare game his opposite number, Alan Maher, gave a workmanlike display even though he didn't have as much to do.

Three weeks ago the Wolves seemed an outside ch-

ance of making the top four but after gaining just one point in three games they are back in the relegation zone.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardareff, Fleming, Dunleavy, Bertogna, Ainsworth, Adam, Gaffney, Tredinnick, Cotton, Fontana (Vlietstra 65), O'Connor.

MARCONI: Maher, Bozanic, Budini, Henderson, Prskalo, Calderan, Duvnjak, Vieri (Djordjevic 35), Hunter, Jankovics, Licata.

REFEREE: D Rennie.
Crowd: 3,167.



PSL MATCHES PREVIEWED



ST GEORGE V WEST ADELAIDE

by John Field

West Adelaide may not be among the pace-setters of the Philips Soccer League, but their supporters are delighted at their form this season.

No wonder. For the past two years, the Greek-supported Westad have been bottom team in the competition, very lucky not to have been kicked out.

All this changed with the arrival of Alan Vest from Newcastle. Vest is a coach of vast experience who had no qualms about taking on one of the toughest jobs in the PSL.

West Adelaide are now in the top half of the table, a satisfactory state of affairs largely inspired by the attacking ability of a former Newcas-

tle winger Graham Heys and ex-Sydney City Slicker Graham Honeyman.

Defence is not St George's strong suit. Possibly Mike O'Shea and David Ratcliffe will experience difficulty coping with the Honeyman threat.

Saints, however, are such an exciting team when on the attack that they should get a couple of goals against their South Australian visitors.

And a couple of goals could be enough to yield two precious points.



DAVE RATCLIFFE

ADEL CITY V SYDNEY CITY

By Tom McKain

There should be shots galore — and perhaps goals to go with them when Adelaide City take on Sydney City at Olympic Sports Field.

Two of Adelaide's favourite sons will be returning to torment (they hope) the home fans.

Socceroo striker David Mitchell, recently departed, will team up with John Kosmina, formerly with Polonia, then West Adelaide and guest with Adelaide City when an Arsenal player, then back with West.

Kosmina loves to score in Adelaide, whether its against City or West, and Mitchell will want to prove Giants lost a scorer when they let him go to Sydney City — because he never asked for a transfer, only a chance to go back to Scotland on trial.

While the Sydney pair may have something to prove, so have several Adelaide players — particularly little Johnny Nyskohus, who has been doing the main front-running since the departure of Mitchell.



JOHN KOSMINA

And Brian Northcote and Charlie Villani will also be out to match Mitchell in the scoring stakes.

Inspired by caretaker-coach Johnny Perin, the Giants have been showing a rekindled spirit, and England Youth team sweeper Neil Banfield is beginning to show his true form.

When City are in possession he is coming through as an extra midfielder, and causing all sorts of trouble for the opposition.

Slickers must be respected — but this looks like another two valuable home points for Perin and his "prodigals".

BRIS LIONS V WOLLONGONG

By Greg Russell

Finding the right combination in defence has been a mutual problem for Lions coach Joe Gilroy and Wollongong's Ken Morton this season.

At the start of the year, Gilroy was faced with the unenviable task of finding a replacement for Jim Hermiston and it has only been the experience of players like Col Bennett and Alan Niven and some good form from Nigel Lowndes which has prevented Lions from being severely punished as they experimented.

Gilroy at first tried youngster Paul Burns, then Jim Maclean before settling on former Institute of Sport player Malcolm Tuttle. But even then things had to be changed when Tuttle was injured and now the job has been given to midfielder-striker Bobby Ferris, who to his credit, is improving with each game.

Wollongong conceded 17 goals in their first five matches.

Then Morton rearranged his backline, switching Bertogna to full-back and

brought in youngster Ray Vlietstra with success in central defence with Chris Dunleavy.

Wollongong beat Footscray, Newcastle and Heidelberg and then drew with St George to climb, at one stage, six places above the bottom.

At Richlands next weekend the defences will be tested by two of the most unpredictable forwards in the PSL. Lions will have to cope with the tricky, weaving, fast and powerful shooting Phil O'Connor while the Wolves will have to watch Ron Millman, renowned for his speed, determination, finishing and ability to ghost in where least expected.

This looms as one of those matches which will need goals early to prevent it becoming a dull affair, but Lions should have the edge.

MARCONI V STH MELBOURNE

By John Economos

The pressure is on both teams in this game, not to mention the pressure that hangs over both coaches.

Dom Kapetanovic has done a tremendous job for Marconi so far this year.

He has injected new blood into the team to revive the proud Marconi name in Australian Soccer.

New blood in the form of Steve Calderan, Rene Licata, Ricky Budini, Vic Bozanic, Nick Duvnjak.

With these injections, old timers such as Prskalo and Vieri, have got a new lease of life. In fact, I would go so far as to say that Prskalo is the fittest player in the entire Marconi squad.

South Melbourne's coach, Johnny Margaritis, has had enormous problems this year with injuries, so much so that he has had to recall Billy Rogers who also is plagued with injuries.

Marconi would be well advised to watch out for South's little dynamo striker,



IVO PRSKALO

Charlie Egan, who is having a wonderful initial PSL season with his new club.

Souths midfield is a very experienced outfit, with Johnny Stevenson being the side's chief distributor.

Watch the duel between South's centre-back, Steve Blair and Marconi's central striker, Mark Jankovics.

CANBERRA V FOOTSCRAY

By Steve Burns

Footscray, unpredictable and often conquerors of the PSL giants, are Canberra's opponents at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Since the PSL's inception, Footscray have been strugglers but never cease to surprise.

And they can play good Soccer when allowed.

Canberra, now a team once more of great depth and talent, cannot afford to drop points against such a side at home.

Canberra's hopes of victory rest on the midfield genius of Gary Byrne and George Christopoulos, both of whom

are improving each game, and the attacking flair of Brennan, Purdie and Gibson.

In players like Jim Milne and O'Reilly, as well as Kondarios and Illioski, Footscray still has talent.

Up-front much will depend on Belic and Cozzella.

But this is a game Canberra must be fancied to win. They are hitting top form and showing ever-increasing understanding and skill.



GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS

NEWCASTLE V BRISBANE CITY

By Myles Hay

Points-gathering is a desperate commodity for both these lowly-placed sides and cultured football will be thrust aside in favour of rugged unrelenting fare.

With only one home win, that against Marconi, Newcastle followers have had little to enthuse over this season, although they have witnessed precious points frittered away against some visiting sides.

Languishing at the bottom of the points table must give cause for much soul-searching by the club's directorate, and a satisfying win over Brisbane City is needed to justify the directors' decision that survival was more important than success this season.

The return of Joe Senkalski gave Newcastle a lift against West Adelaide though he fails to put in a 90 minute effort, and the promise of young striker David Lowe is a heartening sign.

The team however lacks a commanding player, someone who can stamp his presence on the field and is able to draw maximum effort from the players around him.

Brisbane City, also struggling this season, suffered another blow when experienced Irish international Jimmy Dunne was seriously injured against Footscray.

Striker Joe Cairney, a player who arrived from Scotland with a high reputation for goalscoring has been a disappointment and Brisbane's dismal "away" record of only one goal in six losses, while conceding 21 goals does point to a crucial win for KB.



JOE SENKALSKI

HEIDELBERG V LEICHHARDT

By Peter Georgiou

Olympic Village is the new home for Heidelberg United and it brought them luck in the opening game against Sydney City.



JIM CAMPBELL

McKendry has to pull something out of the bag to get his front line firing.

Jim Campbell is doing fine and has proved that he is the best attacking midfielder in Australia today. But he is carrying a lot of weight on his shoulders. He needs help from his team-mates.

The game promises to be an exciting one as both teams can provide good Soccer.

Heidelberg could

win this one but their forwards must fire.

The management committee of Heidelberg has done very well in providing the best possible ground facilities at Olympic Village and there is ample car space in Northland Shopping Centre's car park.

If Lady Luck had anything to do with it in their first game on their own ground then the Bergers can't rely on luck again against Leichhardt on Sunday.

Problem with the home team is the continuing astray shooting of Gary Cole and the loss of form by Jamie Patton.

Heidelberg can't afford to depend solely on their defence which is doing a very good job so far but is bound to crack under pressure.

Despite recent criticism about the performance of Melbourne clubs in the PSL, Heidelberg still remains a formidable team.

But coach Len

PRESTON V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

By Rocky Di Zio

When these two exciting teams clash, Soccer is a sure winner and the public gets value for money.

Both teams play entertaining, attacking Soccer and have many stars who can swing a game with their individual skills and touch of pure genius: the likes of Brown, Whittle, Lucchesi, Redfern, Koussas, Jennings and others. And let's not forget Preston's coach and "super-sub" Peter Ollerton.

Ollerton may well hold the trump card later on in the game when the all-out pace of the encounter will start sapping the stamina of the 22 athletes on the field.

Coming in fresh and with his natural instinct for goal, "Ollie" could well put a

ball or two into Olympic's net.

But youthful Olympic must start favorites because of their all-round strength. Their defence is solid and their forward line is deadly.

They are also going through a good spell and are fired by maximum motivation.

Preston is rather suspect in defence, having conceded some high scores. The Rams forward line will have to excel itself.

A draw would be a positive result for Ollerton's men, but Olympic will have different ideas.



PETER OLLERTON

AMPOL CUP GOES TO SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



St George won the 1982 NSW Ampol Cup Final after 110 minutes of Soccer, when they defeated Croatia by 1-0.

The Saints previously won the Ampol Cup in 1960, 1967, 1972, 1975 and now in 1982.

The teams were locked at the end of normal time with a scoreline of 0-0, so an extra 10 minutes each way was ordered by referee Doug Rennie.

Just one minute from the end of extra-time, St George made a bust on the left flank, instigated by a long through ball from the back by midfielder, Johnny O'Shea. O'Shea found replacement Billy Griffiths out wide on the left, and Griffiths raced up the touchline and veered infield to whip across a good ball into Croatia's box, where he found Paul Wilkinson.

Wilkinson headed on target, but Tomasich and Croatia's goalkeeper, Stevie Watson, both got touches to the ball before it rolled over the line.

There was controversy that the ball didn't cross the line. Doug Rennie took the linesman, Gary Power's ruling, that in fact the ball did cross the line.

Because of a disturbance by the crowd, referee Rennie, after having stopped the match for a few minutes, declared the match had ended with Saints as victors.

I studied a Channel 0 video tape and was satisfied that the linesman, Gary Power, was quite correct with his judgement.

In the 12th minute, Croatia looked very dangerous as flankman, Peter Hensman, back-headed into the St George penalty area where Kevin Coleman almost scored but Saints' centre-back, Michael O'Shea cleared desperately.

Saints looked very dangerous in the 32nd minute, when from a free-kick taken by Dez Marton, sweeper, Dave Ratcliffe raced in and got up to smash a strong header in that just shaved Croatia's left post.

Four minutes from the break, St George almost scored when again from a free-kick on the right, striker Robbie Slater headed on target, but Croatia's goalkeeper Watson, dived across the goalmouth to his left to bring off a magnificent save.

In the 43rd minute, Croatia's Hensman, shaved the St George right post with a great header.

Croatia replaced Marcos Silva with Raul Carrizo up front, whilst

Saints played the last eight minutes of the first half with only 10 men as Marton went off injured, and was replaced by the speedy Dennis Duarte.

Croatia should have scored in the 61st minute when again their dangerous striker, Peter Hensman, had a golden opportunity in front of goals from eight metres out, but blasted his shot over the top.

Having bombed this chance, 60 seconds later, Croatia hit back with more pressure when Wally Savor penetrated but was brought down just outside the penalty area by Mike O'Shea and the referee awarded Croatia a free-kick. Taking the free-kick, Carrizo touched the ball square to Savor who smashed his shot over the St George wall, right on target, but Saints' goalkeeper, Mike Fraser, made a great save.

Six minutes from fulltime, Croatia came again. Hensman made the bust down the left flank, beat Johnny O'Shea's sliding tackle as left back Robbie O'Shea screamed across in cover. But Hensman still managed to cut the ball across the face of the goals for Fraser to cut off.

Full-time came with the match still scoreless, and an extra 10 minutes each way was played. For extra time, Croatia brought on Billy Czolnowski to replace David Rezo.

In the 104th minute, St George split Croatia when Dennis Duarte knocked a brilliant through-ball for Mark Barton on the right, but Barton from close range and on an angle, blasted his shot towards the back-post on the left, but his shot was wide.

Saints then scored their goal from Wilkinson to take the 1982 Ampol Cup, the second Ampol Cup that Frank Arok has won for the club.

Best for St George I thought were Michael and Johnny O'Shea, whilst for Croatia, Peter Hensman, Wally Savor and David Rezo had excellent games.

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, M.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, R. O'Shea, Barton, Stone, J. O'Shea, Slater (Griffiths 88), Wilkinson, Marton (Duarte 45).

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, G.Sterrey, Vidaic, Tomasich, Savor, Coleman, Steven, D.Rezo (Czolnowski 91), Silva (Carrizo 45), Hensman.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie.



St George goalkeeper, Mike Fraser, under Croatia aerial pressure, punches the ball away.

A GREAT WIN FOR ST GEORGE BOYS

By Brad Earl

St George's victorious Mini Ampol Cup Final team captain, Ian Loy, said winning the Cup was "great".

Naturally.

St George wound up 2-0 victors over Southern Districts in the curtain-raiser to the Ampol Cup Final at St George Stadium, and the enthusiasm on the players' faces was an exciting sight.

The Soccer played by these under 13s was generally very good, naturally sprinkled with some mistakes, and the match was extremely entertaining.

Half-an-hour each-way hardly seemed enough, and I for one would have loved to see a bit more of the young stars in action.

Southern Districts' left striker Tony Krclovic was bearing down on the goal in the seventh minute, when he was brought down by a Saints defender, and Districts had their penalty appeals turned down by referee Tony Cashman.

Twice Southern Districts tested St George's keeper, before the Saints broke the deadlock in the 15th minute with a determined effort from captain Ian Loy.

Midfielder Michael Akkawy's shot from the edge of the penalty area ran to Loy, whose first shot at goal was blocked. But he got the ball again to shoot straight into the net.

Loy played as centre-forward, but he has only just been converted from sweeper.

A minute after the goal, midfielder Garry Forrester let go a good shot from the edge of the box which went just high.

The goal gave St George a lot of confidence to increase their attack.

Southern Districts were awarded a direct free-kick outside the penalty area in the 23rd minute, which Tony Krclovic, by far Districts' most dangerous attacker, took, but the Saints keeper, Sean Alvarez, got up high to save well.

Young Sean only put on the goalkeeping gloves this season, and he had an impressive game.

Two minutes before half-time, St George went two-up, a lead which proved too great for Districts to overcome.

A free-kick was awarded for a bad tackle, and Garry Forrester lined up to take the kick. He superbly floated the kick into the far corner of the net, from a distance of 30 metres.

Seven minutes into the second half, Saints' midfielder Simon Farrelley put a good ball through to right

winger Mark Gombi, who sped to the byline and threw a centre low across the face of the goal, but none of his players was on hand to finish off.

Then came a period when the green Districts increased their effort.

In the 44th minute, centre-back and captain Richard Lloyd pushed forward into attack to set up Tony Krclovic for a shot, but he hit the ball straight at the keeper.

A minute later, Southern Districts actually had the ball in the net, but the referee had already blown for a foul on one of their players, who was injured.

Saints stopper Phillip Wenham rescued his side in the 49th minute when he cleared the ball off the line from a shot from replacement Southern Districts winger, Nobby Lingotti, following a cross from the left by forward David Busetto.

Two minutes later, David Busetto was again involved, putting a good ball through for Krclovic to run in towards the goal, but goalie Sean Alvarez saved well.

A minute from the end, St George right-full-back,

Rod Barnes, had to go off with a pulled muscle, and he had done a good job.

Then the referee blew for time, St George were the winners, and for the second year in a row the club was victorious over Southern Districts in the Mini Ampol Cup Final.

For their side, right winger Mark Gombi showed a strong liking for going straight to the byline and crossing — the hallmark of a good winger — while the two attacking midfielders, Simon Farrelley and Michael Akkawy, played well.

Mike, particularly, was impressive. He looked the smallest player on the park, but he had a big heart, and showed good skills, as well as determination to force his way into the penalty area.

Saints coach Chris O'Meara said that the side has only just fallen into order as they have had some major positional changes since the start of the

season.

Districts coach Ian Lloyd praised the fighting spirit of the St George team, but said his side had a hectic weekend which probably detracted from their performance. The team played on Saturday and Monday, and the boys attended State trials on the Sunday, whereas St George were fortunate to draw a bye on the Saturday.

ST GEORGE: Sean Alvarez, Rod Barnes (Bruce Campbell 59), Scott Cook, Garry Hawksworth, Phillip Wenham, Garry Forrester, Simon Farrelley, Michael Akkawy, Mark Gombi, Ian Loy (capt), Sasho Trajkovski.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Zoran Mustapic, Barry Olic, Freddy Ortega, Paul Curko, Richard Lloyd (capt), Klaus Okon, Tony Surjan, Tony Fitzjohn, Kevin Vella (Nobby Lingotti 30), David Busetto, Tony Krclovic.

REFEREE: Tony Cashman.



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WEEKEND



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ST GEORGE V WEST ADELAIDE

VENUE: St George Stadium.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - T. Davies; Linesmen - T. Seacy, M. Loupis.

HEIDLEBERG V LEICHHARDT

VENUE: Heidelberg Ground.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge; Linesmen - M. Momont, Z. Mnich.

CANBERRA ARROWS V FOOTSCRAY

VENUE: Bruce Stadium.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Mee; Linesmen - V. Celestino, S. Cohen.

PRESTON V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

VENUE: Connor Reserve.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - E. Venios; Linesmen - D. Fokianos, M. Gaut.

NEWCASTLE KB V BRISBANE CITY

VENUE: International Sports Centre.
DATE: Saturday, May 8.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Reeves; Linesmen - O. Scevak, N. Jones.

BRISBANE LIONS V WOLLONGONG

VENUE: Richlands.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Kibbler; Linesmen - R. Richmond, K. Adriaanson.

MARCONI V SOUTH MELBOURNE

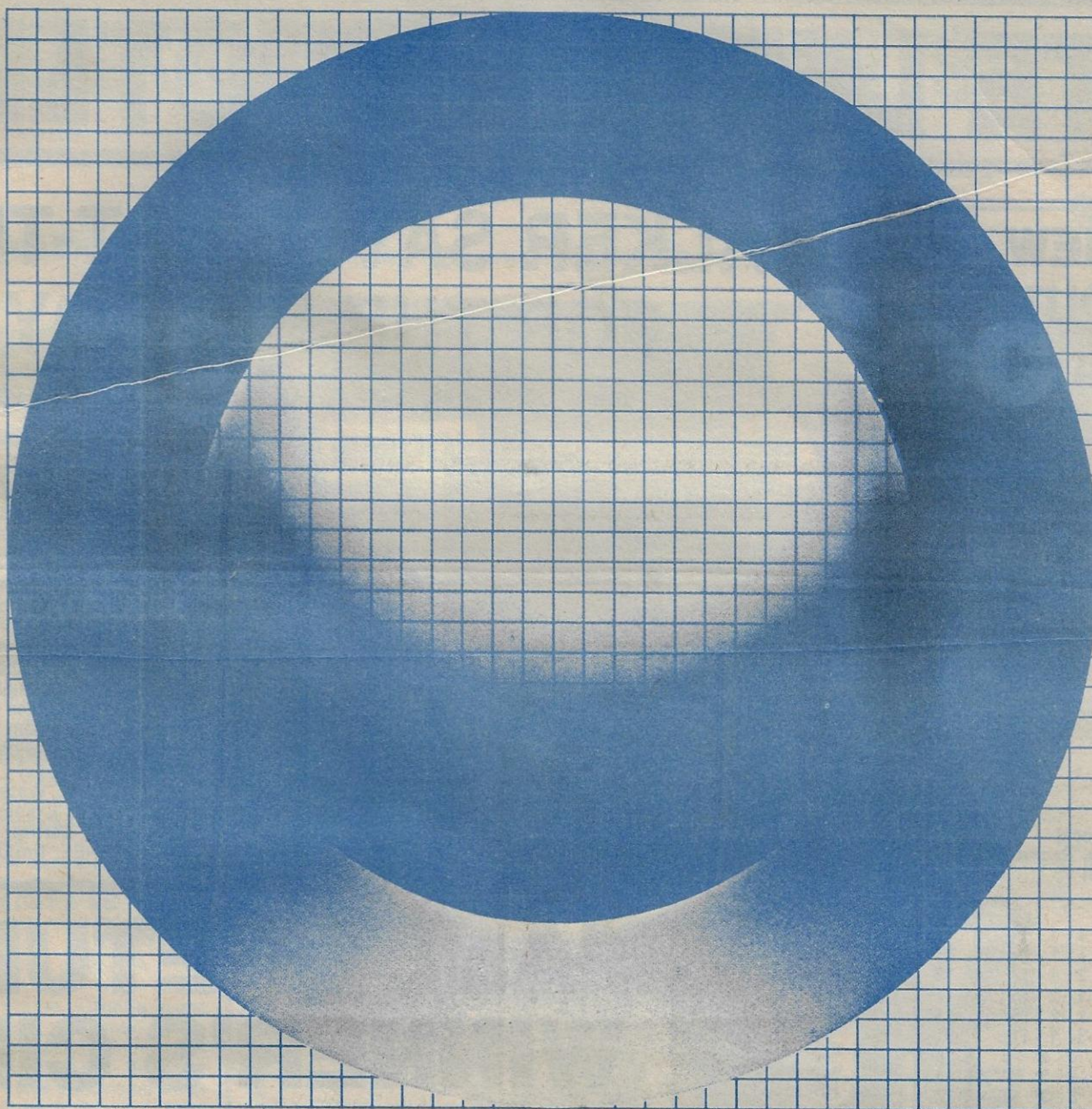
VENUE: Marconi Stadium.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley; Linesmen - R. Doenau, J. Cameron.

ADELAIDE CITY V SYDNEY CITY

VENUE: Olympic Sports Field.
DATE: Sunday, May 9.
KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
OFFICIALS: Referee - S. Mellings; Linesmen - M. Browning, R. Hughes.



NEXT WEEK GAMES — ROUND 14 (ALL SUNDAY): WOLLONGONG V PRESTON, SOUTH MELB V BRISBANE LIONS, SYDNEY CITY V MARCONI, WEST ADELAIDE V ADELAIDE CITY, LEICHHARDT V ST GEORGE, BRISBANE CITY V HEIDELBERG, FOOTSCRAY V NEWCASTLE, SYDNEY OLYMPIC V CANBERRA



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NEW SOUTH WALES

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JM UNITED — BANKSTOWN	2-0
Brown, O'Neill og	
RIVERWOOD — MELITA	3-2
Walker 3 (R); McKie 2 (M)	
MANLY — BLACKTOWN CITY	2-1
T.Smith, Jack (M); Jones (B)	
YUGAL — CROATIA	1-2
McGrath (Y); Coleman, Hensman (C)	
SUTHERLAND — AVALA	2-1
Meades, W.Rogers (S); Milne (A)	
AUBURN — CANTERBURY	0-2
Titilas, Basterfield	
POLONIA — ROCKDALE ILINDEN	2-0
Smith, Sobczyk	

TOP SCORERS

7 — Walker (Riv)
5 — Jones, Kirwan (Bl), Sultana (Rock)
4 — Lembryk (Av), Hensman (Cr), Regan, T.Smith (Man), Jones, Parker (Riv), Bush (S)

Croatia	8	6	1	1	12	3	13
Riverwood	8	6	1	1	19	11	13
Manly	8	5	2	1	17	4	12
Sutherland	8	5	1	2	15	9	11
Blacktown	8	5	1	2	15	11	11
Canterbury	8	4	3	1	11	7	11
Polonia	8	3	2	3	6	5	8
Yugal	8	3	2	3	9	15	8
Melita	8	2	3	3	12	12	7
Rockdale	8	2	2	4	11	17	6
JM United	8	2	0	6	8	15	4
Avala	8	1	1	6	12	19	3
Bankstown	8	1	1	6	10	17	3
Auburn	8	0	2	6	3	15	2

TWO PENALTIES MISSED

Canterbury captain Ross Brown missed two penalties in the Berries match against Auburn, but his team still ran out winners, 2-0.

Both penalties, in the 66th and 91st minutes, were saved by Auburn goalkeeper Neil Walker, who was only promoted to first grade this week.

Auburn made a number of changes, bringing in Glen Johnston at right-back, moving Darren McInerney to stopper (and he played well), promoting Tommy O'Donnell and Tony McDermid to the midfield and forward-line respectively.

Canterbury stopper Angelo Titilas opened the scoring in the 31st minute, and midfielder Jimmy Basterfield hit the second in the 51st minute.

AUBURN: Walker; Johnston, Hardwick, Prgomelja, McInerney; Quigley, O'Donnell, Dale; McDermid (Jones 87), Holloway, Turner.

CANTERBURY: El Zein; Karaspyros, Laws, Lane, Titilas; Anagnostopoulos, Basterfield, Georgiou; Theodorakopoulos (Thamnidis 61), Arnold, Brown (Duffy 83).

SUB HITS WINNER

Sutherland sent on a Rogers for a Rogers (not related) against Avala on Sunday, and the substitute Rogers hit the winner for the Sharks in a 2-1 victory.

Avala went ahead after 27 minutes through threatening centre-forward Gary Milne following a mix-up between the Sutherland keeper and defence.

Sutherland pulled one goal back with 19 minutes left on the clock, through midfielder Steve Meades, who was the man of the match.

The goal came after Nigel Groome got to the byline and crossed.

Warren Rogers, who replaced Craig Rogers in the 73rd minute, scored the second goal four minutes from time, when he was faced with a one-on-one race with Avala's goalie for a high ball. Rogers header hit the base of the goalpost and went into the net, with the ball looking like it would go wide.

Former Polonia defender Vojtek Nowak made his debut for Avala in this match.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes; Hesford, Cashman, Scharfegger, Harrington, Groome, Webber, Meades, Bush, Watkins, C.Rogers (W.Rogers 73).

AVALA: Ahrens; Lembryk, Deller, Barton, Vujinovic; Williams, Gogic, Patterson, Milne (Rnjak 78), Nowak, Karanfilovski (Kodor 45).

REFEREE: Graham Warne.

WALKER SAVES HAT-TRICKS FOR THE BIG BOYS

Centre-forward Barry Walker snared Melita with a hat-trick as Riverwood defeated the Eagles 3-2 on Sunday.

It was a repeat of his effort against Blacktown City a few weeks earlier.

Melita were much improved on recent efforts, and could count themselves unlucky to have lost for the third week in a row.

Many line-up changes were made, with Jim Botalico dropped, Greg McCoy moving into his stopper position, Richie Williams going to McCoy's right-back spot, Don Allan and Johnny McKie returning to the forward-line.

Allan and McKie both played very well, with McKie scoring the two goals.

Riverwood went ahead after eight minutes, when a bad piece of defence by Paul Daley when trying to knock the ball back to his goalkeeper let Walker score from close to the goal.

But six minutes later Melita were back on level terms. Riverwood keeper Wally Lachowicz went up for a high cross from the left, but crashed to the deck and lost the ball for McKie to hook into the net.

Melita went into the lead in the 62nd minute, after a senseless ball played to the wrong end of the field by Riverwood's Terry Jones. Ray Farrugia said thank-you very much, swung a cross over and McKie put it away with a low shot.

At this stage midfielder Alex Jamieson, whose distribution was spot on in the first half, went off with an knee injury, and was replaced by David Rogers, who did quite well.

But then Riverwood came back. After McCoy failed to clear inside his penalty area, Walker slammed the ball home in the 71st minute.

Three minutes later Walker got the third, when Johnny Stoddart, the brilliant ex-Eagle, passed a quick free-kick out wide on the left to fellow midfielder Andy Tracey, who crossed and Walker got high to head home from just inside the box.

"The fight-back was tremendous," a jubilant Riverwood coach Atti Abonyi said. "That's the second week we've come from behind."

Perhaps Melita relaxed after going into a 2-1 lead. They certainly shouldn't have given away two goals so quickly.

They tried to reply, but Greg Ankudinoff's bullet shot skimmed just high, McCoy's snap header went wide, and McKie twice looked dangerous but failed to finish off.

It was a very even, exciting contest, which could have gone either way.

But it went Riverwood's way, and left Melita languishing in ninth spot, six points off the pace.

Greg McCoy came out with the classic quote — "Soccer was the winner."



BARRY WALKER

I wasn't impressed with referee Peter Rampley who sometimes appeared anxious to impress the crowd in his treatment of players.

RIVERWOOD: Lachowicz; Forrester, Cootes, Butcher, Smith; Juchniewicz, Tracey, Stoddart; Parker, Walker, Jones.

MELITA: A.McPherson; Williams, Ankudinoff, Daley, McCoy; Cross, Farrugia, Jamieson (Rogers 65); Martinez (Budini 72), Allan, McKie.

REFEREE: P.Rampley.
— BRAD EARL

A SCRAPPY MATCH

Croatia didn't play with usual verve when they defeated Yugal 2-1, probably due to Wednesday night's Ampol Cup Final.

Kevin Coleman opened the scoring in the first half when he pushed the ball in from five metres after a goalmouth scramble, and Peter Hensman added number two in the second period when he headed home from a corner.

With 10 minutes to go, Yugal got a consolation goal when replacement Denis McGrath's shot from outside the box went wide of keeper Steve Watson into the goal.

CROATIA: Watson; Woods, Tomasich, Vidaic, G.Sterrey; Coleman, Savor, Steven (Czolnowski); Hensman, Carrizo, D.Rezo (Silva).

REFEREE: Tim Davies.

MANLY RETURN TO WINNER'S CIRCLE

By George Streeter

Manly got back on the winning trail with a close 2-1 victory over Blacktown City.

In a very physical game, Blacktown were guilty of bad passing, but had plenty of scoring opportunities, particularly in the first half.

In the very first minute Peter Jones headed into the Manly net but the "goal" was ruled offside.

Manly were strong in the back-line, with Bruce Doyle and Bob Geoghegan keeping a tight grip on Gerry Gomez.

Stuart Regan had a useful game for Manly and in the 23rd minute he took advantage of a blunder by the Blacktown defence but

his final shot went inches wide of the right upright.

Peter Freeman had his defence under pressure when he rushed out of his goal 35 metres and then lost possession but fortunately Peter Brogan was able to scramble the ball away.

In the 42nd minute Paul Kirwan left the field with a broken arm after he was flattened in a collision with Manly defender John Dick.

After a scoreless first half Manly gained the upper hand after the break and in the 60th minute Terry Smith headed in to put his side

ahead when he received a good through-ball in the air from Gary Noble.

Steve Ellis was kept busy in the Manly goal and made good saves in quick succession from Bucky Krstic, Jones and Gomez.

In the 89th minute Manly went further ahead when substitute David Jack tapped the ball in after a superb build-up involving Geoghegan, Regan and Smith.

During time added on for stoppages, Blacktown were

awarded a penalty when Gomez was floored in the box and Jones made no mistake with the spot-kick.

MANLY: Ellis, K.Falconer (Jack 70), Doyle, J.Dick, Geoghegan, Lock, Noble, P.Falconer, T.Smith, Regan, Stuart.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Freeman, Wheatley, Pointer, Gomez, Rassmussen, Brogan, Hosseini (Krstic 71), Selvage, Quarmby, Kirwan (Johnston 42), Jones.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc. CROWD: 1,105.

ROCKDALE DISAPPOINT

Rockdale Ilinden Inter went down 2-0 to Polonia in a match where Rockdale failed to reach the level of play of which they are capable.

Time after time Rockdale's attacks broke down. It is a fault which has been evident in their play in previous weeks, where the midfielders are not providing back-up for the forwards.

Polonia could have had more goals but for poor finishing.

In the first five minutes, Polonia right winger Kenny Smith lofted the ball away from the six-yard line with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Smith made amends when he put his side into a 1-0 half-time lead.

Polonia also had a goal disallowed for offside in the first half, when midfielder Ziggy Garlowski converted a Scott Dickson cross.

POLONIA: Kalinowski; Divani, Galas, Gross, Geekie; Garlowski, Wisniewski, Fuller (Amoroso 88); Sobczyk, Dickson, Smith.

ROOTSEY SENT OFF

Bankstown defender Chris Rootsey, making his return to first grade after an injury lay-off, was sent off in Bankstown's 0-2 loss to JM United in Queanbeyan.

Rootsey received a yellow card in the 44th minute

after an altercation with Ian Heywood of JM, and then in the 59th minute he was involved in a silly incident with Jack Doherty which saw both names go into the book and Rootsey leave the field.

JM were much better in the first half, with midfielder John Brown scoring on the half-hour.

For 25 minutes after half-time, Bankstown played quite well, and at one stage striker Brett Gilligan had a succession of headers, none of which went in.

But the sending-off of experienced defender Rootsey affected the Town's play.

Bankstown sweeper Chris O'Neill, a former Monaro player, had the misfortune of being credited with an own goal when an Ian Heywood shot deflected off his head into the goal.

The best player on the field was United's Fijian sweeper, Mike Tuilawe.

JM: Caputo; Crawford (Lawler 73), Charles, Tuilawe, Francis; Kawaleva, Brown, Link, Doherty; Heywood, Malone (M.Valeri 79).

BANKSTOWN: Lohman; Rootsey, Beck, O'Neill, Blackburn; Wilmot, Dolton (Sirett 45), Drain, Brown, Nocera, Campanella (Gilligan 45).

REFEREE: V.Celestino.

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Manly v Blacktown	3-2, 2-3	Blacktown	8 6 0 2 23 10 12				
Polonia v Rockdale	0-1, 0-3	Wollongong	8 6 0 2 12 4 12				
Sutherland v Avala	1-3, 2-1	Penrith	8 5 2 1 13 8 12				
Riverwood v Melita	0-2, 0-3	Fairy Meadow	8 5 1 2 15 6 11				
Auburn v Canterbury	3-0, 1-2	Warringah	8 2 5 1 13 13 9				
Yugal v Croatia	2-3, 2-1	Revesby	8 3 2 3 21 17 8				
		Nth Bankstown	8 4 0 4 13 12 8				
		Dee Why	8 1 4 3 8 15 6				
		Gladesville	8 2 2 4 6 14 6				
		Belmore	8 1 3 4 12 17 5				
		Parramatta	8 1 2 5 9 17 4				
		Bathurst	8 1 1 6 6 18 3				
		Uni NSW	8 0 1 7 3 15 1				
Second Grade				Second Grade			
Sutherland	8 5 2 1 17 10 12	Gladesville	8 7 0 1 21 7 14				
Melita	7 5 1 1 19 7 11	Fairy Meadow	8 5 3 0 19 8 13				
Croatia	8 5 1 2 12 9 11	Revesby	8 5 2 1 20 7 12				
Bankstown	8 3 4 1 17 12 10	Nth Bankstown	8 5 2 1 12 6 12				
Auburn	8 4 2 2 14 12 10	Penrith	8 4 2 2 15 9 10				
Riverwood	8 4 1 3 11 7 9	Ku-ring-gai	8 4 2 2 11 5 10				
Rockdale	8 3 3 2 9 8 9	Wollongong	8 4 0 4 9 10 8				
Manly	7 3 1 3 11 10 7	Warringah	8 3 1 4 15 19 7				
Avala	8 3 1 4 9 17 7	Parramatta	8 2 2 4 12 13 6				
Canterbury	8 2 2 4 11 12 6	Uni NSW	8 3 0 5 9 16 6				
JM United	8 2 2 4 8 9 6	Bathurst	8 2 2 4 8 22 6				
Blacktown	8 2 2 4 10 12 6	Dee Why	8 1 2 5 8 13 4				
Polonia	8 2 0 6 4 15 4	Blacktown	8 0 2 6 7 16 2				
Yugal	8 1 0 7 10 22 2	Belmore	8 0 2 6 8 23 2				
Third Grade				Third Grade			
Riverwood	8 6 1 1 15 9 13	Blacktown	8 7 1 0 25 5 15				
Melita	6 6 0 0 21 2 12	Ku-ring-gai	8 6 2 0 15 3 14				
Sutherland	8 5 2 1 25 13 12	Penrith	8 6 0 2 29 6 12				
Blacktown	7 5 2 0 17 6 12	Fairy Meadow	8 5 2 1 21 4 12				
Rockdale	8 4 1 3 12 12 9	Gladesville	8 4 2 2 16 9 10				
Canterbury	7 4 1 2 13 9 9	Dee Why	8 4 1 3 7 11 9				
Manly	6 3 1 2 14 12 7	Parramatta	8 4 0 4 13 11 8				
Croatia	7 3 0 4 16 14 6	Wollongong	8 3 2 3 16 17 8				
Auburn	7 2 2 3 14 18 6	Belmore	8 2 3 3 5 6 7				
Blacktown	7 1 1 5 10 17 3	Nth Bankstown	8 2 2 4 10 18 6				
Polonia	8 1 0 7 7 18 2	Bathurst	8 2 0 6 6 14 4				
Yugal	7 1 0 6 10 23 2	Warringah	8 2 0 6 15 28 4				
Avala	8 0 1 7 9 30 1	Revesby	8 1 1 6 7 23 3				
		Uni NSW	8 0 0 8 3 33 0				
First Division				First Division			
Uni NSW v Parramatta	0-3, 1-0, 0-3						
Penrith v Warringah	1-1, 1-1, 3-0						
Blacktown v Belmore	4-0, 2-2, 0-0						
Gladesville v Ku-ring-gai	0-2, 1-0, 0-0						
Dee Why v Fairy Meadow	1-4, 1-2, 1-0						
Revesby v Nth Bankstown	2-3, 1-2, 2-2						
Wollongong v Bathurst	3-0, 0-1, 2-1						

Division Two			
North Ryde v Gladesville	0-3, 1-2, 2-3		
Liverpool v Artarmon	0-1, 0-0, 1-0		
Queens Park v Mt Drui	2-3, 3-0, 3-1		
Nineveh v Lane Cove	0-0, 1-0, 4-4		
Riverstone v Campbelltown	1-2, 3-3, 1-6		
Baulkham Hills v Kingsford	0-1, 1-5, 2-2		
First Grade — Campbelltown 10 Artarmon 7 Liverpool 7 Kingsford 6 Gladesville 6 Mt Drui 6 North Ryde 5 Nineveh 4 Queens Park 3 Lane Cove 3 Riverstone 2 Baulkham Hills 1			
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Third Grade — Liverpool 8 Gladesville 8 Campbelltown 7 Baulkham Hills 7 Kingsford 6 North Ryde 5 Queens Park 5 Mt Drui 5 Riverstone 4 Nineveh 3 Lane Cove 2 Artarmon 0			
Third Division			
Eastern Creek v West Holroyd	2-1, 2-1		
Fairfield West v Concordia	2-2, 1-3		
Bondi v Padstow	5-1, 3-1		
Hurstville v Wentworth	1-2, 2-2		
Spanish v Port Hacking	1-2, 0-4		
Fairfield Kiev v Sydney Uni	5-1, 0-2		
First Grade — Bondi 9 Port Hacking 9 Fairfield Kiev 6 Concordia 6 Fairfield West 6 Spanish 5 Sydney Uni 5 Wentworth 4 Padstow 4 Hurstville 2 West Holroyd 2 Eastern Creek 2			
Second Grade — Port Hacking 8 Fairfield West 8 Sydney Uni 7 Hurstville 7 Eastern Creek 5 Fairfield Kiev 5 Spanish 5 Bondi 4 Concordia 4 Padstow 3 Wentworth 2 West Holroyd 1			
Fourth Division			
West Ryde v King Tomislav	0-3, 0-1		
Chelsea v West St George	3-2, 0-2		
Pagewood v Canley Heights	1-6, 0-2		
Revesby v Sydney Maccabi	1-2, 1-1		
Glenquarie v Maroubra	1-2, 1-0		
Moorebank v Winston Hills	2-0, 1-3		
First Grade — Canley Heights 8 Maroubra 8 King Tomislav 6 Moorebank 6 Sydney Maccabi 6 Chelsea 6 West Ryde 5 West St George 4 Glenquarie 4 Pagewood 4 Winston Hills 1 Revesby 0			
Second Grade — Moorebank 8 Canley Heights 8 West St George 7 King Tomislav 7 Glenquarie 6 Sydney Maccabi 5 Chelsea 4 Pagewood 2 West Ryde 2 Winston Hills 2 Revesby 1 Maroubra 0			
Fifth Division			
Eastwood v Hawkesbury	2-0, 1-0		
Colo Colo v Macquarie Uni	0-2, 2-2		
Liverpool City v Green Valley	4-1, 0-0		
Chullora v Ryde	0-3, 1-6		
Blacktown Wanderers v Trasandinos	2-2, 2-0		
Haberfield v Robins	1-1, 0-3		
First Grade — Trasandinos 9 Eastwood 7 Macquarie Uni 7 Liverpool City 6 Hawkesbury 6 Ryde 5 Haberfield 5 Chullora 4 Colo Colo 4 Green Valley 3 Blacktown Wanderers 2 Robins 2			
Second Grade — Ryde 10 Colo Colo 8 Macquarie Uni 7 Green Valley 7 Robins 6 Eastwood 5 Blacktown Wanderers 4 Hawkesbury 3 Trasandinos 3 Liverpool City 3 Chullora 2 Haberfield 1			
Sixth Division			
Liverpool Rangers v Blacktown Workers	3-1, 1-0		
Macarthur v Lithgow	4-0, 11-0		
Hajduk v Bunnerong	1-2, 3-3		
Hellas v Liverpool United	0-0, 1-1		

Murray Farm v Nepean	9-1, 1-0
Auburn v Smithfield	2-5, 1-2
First Grade — Macarthur 10 Smithfield 10 Bunnerong 7 Hajduk 6 Murray Farm 5 Liverpool Rangers 5 Liverpool United 4 Nepean 4 Blacktown Workers 3 Hellas 2 Lithgow 2 Auburn 0	
Second Grade — Smithfield 10 Macarthur 8 Hajduk 7 Bunnerong 7 Murray Farm 6 Liverpool Rangers 6 Nepean 4 Blacktown Workers 4 Liverpool United 2 Lithgow 2 Auburn 1 Hellas 1	
Seventh Division	
Racing v Welcome	np
Lansvale v Santiago	5-1, 6-1
Rosebery v Dulwich Hill	0-1, 1-0
Sans Souci bye	
First Grade — Rosebery 8 Dulwich Hill 8 Welcome 7 Argentinian 6 Jedinstvo 5 Lansvale 4 Santiago 4 Sans Souci 4 Racing 0	
Second Grade — Rosebery 10 Dulwich Hill 8 Welcome 7 Santiago 6 Argentinian 5 Lansvale 4 Sans Souci 4 Racing 0 Jedinstvo 0	
SECOND DIV:	
(Saturday)	
Artarmon v Queens Park E/S - Artarmon Res	
Kingsford v Riverstone - Erskineville Oval	
(Sunday)	
Lane Cove Utd. v North Ryde - Pottery Green	
Gladesville Hby. v Liverpool Albion - L.H. Waud S/G	
Mt Drui Town v Baulkham Hills - Popondetta Park	
Campbelltown City v Nineveh Eagles - Lynwood Park	
THIRD DIV:	
(Saturday)	
Concordia v Bondi Marine - Marrickville Oval	
(Sunday)	
Wentworth v Eastern Creek - Centenary Park	
West Holroyd G/C v Fairfield West - Horsley Memorial Pk	
Padstow Park v Fairfield Kiev - Stuart Park	
Port Hacking v Hurstville-Zagreb - Seymour Shaw	
FOURTH DIV:	
(Saturday)	
Sydney Maccabi v West Ryde Chile - Sydney Athletic Field	
Maroubra United v Revesby Rovers - Coral Sea Park	
(Sunday)	
King Tomislav v Chelsea - King Tomislav Park	
West St George v Pagewood - Evatt Park	
Canley Heights v Moorebank - King Park	
Winston Hills v Glenquarie United - Max Ruddock Reserve	
FIFTH DIV:	
(Saturday)	
Macquarie Uni v Liverpool City - Macquarie Uni Oval	
Trasandinos v Chullora - Booralee Park	
(Sunday)	
Ryde v Eastwood S/A - Hall Park	
Hawkesbury v Colo Colo - North Richmond Oval	
Green Valley v Haberfield B/D - Blamfield Oval	
Robins v Blacktown Wands - Peculio Oval	
SIXTH DIV:	
(Saturday)	
Nepean Rovers v Hellas Poseidon - Tahmoor Soccer Ground	
Smithfield v Murray Farm - Brennan Park	
(Sunday)	
Liverpool Utd v Liverpool Rngs - Childs Park	
Blacktown Wks v Macarthur Utd - H.E. Laybutt Res	
Lithgow Wks v Hajduk - Lithgow Greyhound Pk	
Sth S. Bunnerong v Auburn Jnrs - Booralee Park	
SEVENTH DIV:	
(Saturday)	
Dulwich Hill v Jedinstvo - Mahoney Oval	
(Sunday)	
San Souci v Racing - Claydon Res No 1	
Welcome v Lansvale - Endeavour Park	
Santiago v Rosebery - Tubemakers Pk	
Argentinian - bye	

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

ROUND 9 — SATURDAY, MAY 8:

Bankstown City	v Manly Warringah	Soccer Centre
Rockdale Ilinden Inter	v JM United	St George Stadium

SUNDAY, MAY 9:

Blacktown City	v Auburn	Gabbie Stadium
Avala	v Polonia	Knight Park
Riverwood	v Sutherland Shire	Hurstville Oval
Cant.-M'ville Oly.	v S.S.C. Yugal	Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles	v Croatia Sydney	Melita Stadium

FIRST DIVISION

ROUND 9 — SATURDAY, MAY 8:

Warringah-Narrabeen	v Wollongong United	Narrabeen Fitness
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SUNDAY, MAY 9:

Parramatta City	v Penrith United	Garside Park
Belmore	v Uni. of N.S.W.	Blick Oval
Ku-ring-gai	v Blacktown United	Parklands Oval
Fairy Meadow	v Gladesville Ravens	Police Boys Gd
Revesby Workers	v Dee Why	Milperra Reserve
North Bankstown	v Bathurst '75	Potts Park

KICK-OFF TIMES (All games):
Third Grade 11.40 am, Second Grade 1.20 pm, First Grade 3.00 pm.



AMATEURS DEPLORE VIOLENCE

The Ampol Cup final night was also a big affair for Sydney Amateurs, as the final of their prestigious Mini Ampol Cup was on the same bill.

The Amateurs want no repeat performance of the violence that followed the final.

The following motion was carried by acclamation at a packed meeting of the Sydney Branch on Friday night:

"We deplore the acts of violence by supporters of the Croatia Soccer Club and the destruction of facilities provided by St George at the St George Stadium, Barton Park, by Croatia supporters.

We are sickened by the throwing of projectiles such as bottles at the officials and players and 13-year-old ball boys present on the ground.

We condemn the Croatia spectators for their abuse, and the disrespect shown to Ampol Petroleum during the presentation of trophies to the winners.

We condemn the Croatia club president and committee for trying to shift the blame on to others for the conduct of their spectators and for not facing up to their responsibilities.

We urge the Executive of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs to take the severest action against the Croatia Soccer Club possible under the Constitution, and to resolve that Croatia Club be warned that any future violent misconduct by club supporters in competitions under the control of their Federation or any of its affiliates will be met with expulsion.

We believe that the violence of Croatia supporters has done irreparable harm to the game and has jeopardised the future prospects of sponsorship.

We call upon the Executive of the NSWFSF to show some strength in dealing with this matter and not just participate in a window-dressing exercise."

FIRST DIVISION

The draw specialists of the First Division, Warringah-Narrabeen, kept up their "record" with a 1-1 result against Penrith United in an uninspiring game at Cook Park on Saturday.

Warringah took the lead a minute before half-time through Blundell, after a high ball was played into the area from the left flank by left-back Postlewhite.

In the 27th minute, Penrith's keeper Mike Gibson pulled off a super save to touch a long-range shot by Warringah striker Crook over the bar.

Penrith's goal came five minutes after half-time, when left midfielder Stan Lemanczyk fired in a cross which the Warringah keeper spilled to the feet of dangerous striker Neil Manning, who promptly netted.

Penrith had more chances to score, but their play lacked imagination and

there were some disappointing performances by a few experienced heads.

National youth coach Les Scheinflug was at the game, no doubt looking at World Youth Championship hopeful, Penrith midfielder Graham Lomas, who had an average game.

PENRITH: Gibson; Kerrigan, Hobart, Masonwells, Campbell, Lomas, Lemanczyk, Pollard, Hood; Kelly, Manning.

WARRINGAH: Cimenti; Hodgson, Postlewhite, De Graafe, Friend; Woodward, Collinges (Killey 57), Sturgess; Philips, Crook (Beverly 84), Blundell.

REFEREE: Neil Condon.

Southern League

Hanwood v Albury	3-0
Downer Olympic v Wagga City	5-1
Kambah v Yoogali	0-4
Makedonia Q'beyan v Croatia Deakin not known	

Southern League Table

Downer Olympic	4	4	0	0	14	3	8
Yoogali	4	2	1	1	8	3	5
Hanwood	4	2	1	1	8	6	5
Makedonia	3	2	0	1	6	8	4
Croatia Deakin	3	1	1	1	5	2	3
Albury	4	1	1	2	5	3	3
Wagga	4	0	2	2	4	10	2
Kambah	4	0	0	4	2	12	0

STATE LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT

WHO WILL BE SECOND TO MELBOURNE CROATIA?

By Rocky Di Zio

The verdict of this sixth round is loud and clear: Melbourne Croatia is the team to beat and with a chance to do so, a slim one at that, is Green Gully.

At the other end of the table Frankston and Doveton are the early favourites for the drop to

the Metropolitan League. That is on present form, but miracles can always happen during the next 20

rounds.

One such miracle could be that Jimmy Nelson finally arrives to give Juventus a

striker who can put away the many chances it creates and Vince and Pat Bannon recover from their injuries. In this case the black and whites can resume their role of leading actors in this hard fought 1982 State League championship.

Doveton can also hope for a miracle: that striker McCutcheon and midfielder Dowie arrive from the UK to bail the team out of its present straits.

And talking of miracles, this season is not completely out of place, for one has already happened for all to see: Morwell Falcons.

The recruit from the Latrobe Valley is solidly entrenched in second position despite the first round thrashing by Croatia for a tennis-like score of 1-6.

Admittedly Morwell has had an easy fixture so far and it still has to clash with Green Gully, Juventus and Hellas-Hakoah, but with its confidence up and some of these other teams having problems (Hellas-Hakoah is likely to lose its best youngsters to mother club Sth Melbourne), Morwell can enjoy a continued good run and find itself very near to the top at the end of the season.



COACH JIM KRIARIS

On Sunday Croatia showed all its power against a solid George Cross who were fielding ex-Croatian striker Carl Gilder for the first time. Kokoska, until he received his marching orders, put Gilder out of the game and the Maltese outfit looked completely outclassed by the Croatian giant. The scoreline could have been 6-0 in the first half alone.

Croatia has developed into a well balanced combination, capable of frustrating all attacks with Kokoska and Parton dominating the air and Murphy sweeping up all the crumbs, while in goals Blasby is having one of his best seasons.

The midfield of Biskic, Antolovic, Murphy and Faulkner is fast and mobile, covering well, making play and moving forward to join strikers Latif and Broganin shooting at goal. The team can count on at least five men to put chances away.

It has no weaknesses and plenty of depth with a squad of 16 and another six players capable of coming in from the reserves at any time.

Even if the main challenges improve, Croatia is not likely to miss many beats and the three points separating it from Green Gully and the four from Juventus will be hard to wipe out.

At Green Gully coach Bobby McLachlan had wanted to resign, but has been convinced into staying and his team went on to give a severe thrashing to Doveton.

Morwell Falcons changed its tactics against Frankston, starting slowly and coming out at the distance. When Mitten opened the score it was curtains for Frankston.

A draw was the outcome of the Sunshine-Hellas Hakoah clash. These two teams have the best defences in the League (only Green Gully and Croydon are equal to them for goals conceded: three in six games) and two of the most sterile forward lines so the scoreless result was well within expectation.

A good result for Northcote in gaining one point at the expenses of fast improving Croydon. Kriaris' job as coach of Northcote had been terminated by a committee vote during the week and then given back to him because of pressure by two leading officials. This game must have made his position a bit more secure thanks mainly to the excellent debut of new players Wright and Provan. Wright was magnificent in midfield and easily the best on the ground, while Provan steadied even further the defence. The team now needs a good striker to lift it into a more secure position on the table.

Maribyrnong Polonia had a good game against Albion Rovers and won fairly decisively but without really looking like the team it promised to be in pre-season.

Another vociferous protest by Juventus' supporters, and they are thinning out with each game, marked the end of the game at Ringwood on Saturday. This time forwards French and Incantalupo did not miss as spectacularly as they did last week. The

chances were still there but not as easy as against Sunshine and Ringwood defended well with keeper Barclay in great form.

The first 20 minutes of the second half especially saw Ringwood surviving with a struggle under a barrage of salvos from Incantalupo well supported by French, but the two forwards get little support up front and have become very predictable and easy to nullify.

Incantalupo, with more experience, could have scored with at least one of his headers if he had hit the ball down rather than push-

ing it within reach of Barclay's octopus-like arms.

Boggi appeared to be making the right move in the last 20 minutes when he had McGrory and Zini warming up, but Zini remained on the bench because Vince Bannon had to come out with an injury and a defender was required, young Pino Curcio getting the nod. McGrory could have been the winning card if he had worked off French, but the latter moved back into midfield and there was nobody creating havoc and chances up front.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE RESULTS

Ringwood City Wilhelmina - Brunswick Utd Juventus 1-0
O'Reilly
Green Gully Ajax - Doveton 5-0
Paul Lewis 2, Cannell, Smallman, McLeod penalty
Northcote City - Croydon City 1-1
Fakos (N), Lia (C)
Melbourne Croatia - George Cross 4-1
Brogan, Parton, Murphy, Adams penalty(MC), Rigby (GC)
Maribyrnong Polonia - Albion Rovers 2-1
Seculski, Przybka (MP), Ferrie (AR)
Sunshine City - Hellas Hakoah 0-0
Morwell Falcons - Frankston City 3-1
Mitten, McClunie, Van Baar (MF), Halford (FC)

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE TABLE

Melbourne Croatia	6	5	1	0	17	6	11
Morwell Falcons	6	4	1	1	12	11	9
Green Gully Ajax	6	4	0	2	15	3	8
Sunshine City	6	2	4	0	6	3	8
Hellas Hakoah	6	3	1	2	7	3	7
Brunswick Utd Juventus	8	3	1	2	7	5	7
Maribyrnong Polonia	6	3	1	2	10	9	7
Croydon City	6	3	1	2	4	3	7
George Cross	6	3	0	3	9	10	6
Ringwood City W'mina	6	1	2	3	9	12	4
Albion Rovers	6	1	2	3	11	11	4
Northcote City	6	1	1	4	6	15	3
Doveton	0	1	1	1	2	12	1
Frankston City	6	0	1	5	4	16	1

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE NEXT ROUND

Saturday 7 May
Frankston City V Albion Rovers
Sunday 8 May
B.U. Juventus V Morwell Falcons
Hellas Hakoah V Ringwood City
George Cross V Sunshine City
Croydon City V Melbourne Croatia
Doveton V Northcote City
Green Gully Ajax V Maribyrnong Polonia



Determination on the faces of Fawcner's Les Gooney (right) and Mike Lynn of Kew Park Rangers in the Metro Division one clash, which Fawcner won 2-1.

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STATE LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT

LIONS AND CITY HIT BY QSF RULE

Says Greg Russell

A rule Brisbane City and Lions agreed to at the start of this season as part of their controversial acceptance to the Queensland State League competition could have serious consequences for their Philips League teams.

To ensure there would be no claims from other sides of the two clubs "stacking" their State League sides with PSL players in crucial matches, City and Lions agreed to a QSF Management Committee ruling that no player may appear on a State League and Philips League team-sheet on the same weekend.

In effect, the two clubs were required to declare 12 PSL players and 12 State League players prior to each weekend and stick to those squads. On most weekends that could cause no problems, but several events over recent weekends have brought to light potential drawbacks to the agreement which QSL officials say will be strictly enforced with no exceptions.

The most recent was two weeks ago when former Institute of Sport student Danny Wright returned to Lions after trialling in England with Chelsea and Preston North End.

Lions coach Joe Gilroy had not seen Wright play before and did not pick him in his "new-look" team to play Olympic on that weekend.

Wright turned out for the Lions State League side and under the eyes of Gilroy turned in an excellent performance in the first half, scoring one of his team's eventual six goals.

Gilroy asked for Wright to be substituted at half-time as he wanted him on the bench for the PSL game the next day. But when Wright arrived at the ground on the Sunday, he and Gilroy were informed of the QSF rule.

As it turned out Jim Maclean was on standby as a reserve and Lions did not need to make a substitution: so the Wright incident passed without much furore.

But if the State League had started several weeks earlier, Lions would have been forced to play their third-string goalkeeper in the match against Newcastle.

The situation was that Nigel Lowndes had been selected in the PSL side which would have meant, if the State League had started, the reserve goalkeeper Tony Scanlan would have been picked for and played in the State

League team on probably Friday night or Saturday afternoon — making him ineligible for Philips League.

Late on Saturday, Lowndes fell through a window and gashed his arm which made him a last minute withdrawal from the PSL side. Under the QSF rule, Lions would have had no choice but to play their young inexperienced third team keeper Greg Marshall.

If that had happened, Gilroy almost certainly would not have dismissed the issue as casually as he did with the Wright incident.

The reasons behind the QSL making the rule are obvious and as far as the other clubs in the State League are concerned, in their best interests.

The QSF must look after its own competition and prevent it from becoming a farce and as one official said: "The State League is not there for the convenience of Brisbane City and Lions."

It appears in agreeing to the rule, the two PSL clubs in their haste to get into the State League, did not think it right through.

It remains to be seen just how far the QSF will go in enforcing it, particularly if say an incident occurred where three or four PSL players contracted food poisoning after eating a meal the night before the match.

But as far as the State League goes this season, the ruling has had no effect on the form of the Lions team and after two rounds it is the only side to have four points.

The young Lions beat Townsville in Townsville 3-2, a brilliant result of their opening fixture, then tore apart Capricornia 6-0. This weekend they take on Brisbane City and as in past seasons in South-East Queensland League, should have their measure.

The biggest surprise of the League has been the form of former first division club Olympic, who, while operating on a shoe-string budget, have bought shrewdly and strengthened their squad with the likes of former Lions players, Graham Wilson and Tommy McGregor.

RED STAR IMPROVE

Hamilton Red Star moved into fifth position with another fine performance in beating Armidale 4-1 at Mayfield Park.

After losing the first two games of the season Red Star have rallied well to take seven points from four matches to climb the league ladder as challengers to Azzurri, Maitland, Weston and Belmont Swansea.

League leaders, Highfield Azzurri and Maitland were held to surprise draws against Tamworth and Adamstown.

Tamworth substitute, Gary MacAuley, scored in injury time to save a point for his side while Maitland and Adamstown fought out a rugged 1-1 draw, Bruce Murphy and Tony Reay being the goal scorers.

Adamstown have now drawn four of their six matches while scoring only five goals.

Belmont Swansea United fought back from a goal by Central Coast's Tony Lucas to finish 3-1 winners at Blacksmiths.

Striker, Paul Queenan, added to his impressive goal-scoring tally to justify the club's decision to snap up the former Stewarts and Lloyds forward.

Results: Belmont Swansea United 3 (P Queenan, G Smith, N Harrower) b Central Coast Association 1 (T Lucas) Reserve: Belmont Swansea 4 b Central Coast 2 Tamworth 2 (C Hearfield, G MacAuley) drew with Highfield Azzurri 2 (V Hogan, M Vallone) Reserve: Tamworth 1 drew with Highfield Azzurri 1 Maitland 1 (B Murphy) drew

Highfield Azzurri	6	4	2	0	14	5	10
Maitland	6	4	2	0	11	5	10
Weston	6	3	2	1	15	5	8
Belmont Swansea	6	4	0	2	15	7	8
Hamilton Red Star	6	3	1	2	11	9	7
Lake Macquarie	6	2	2	2	17	9	6
Adamstown	6	1	4	1	5	6	6
Coffs Harbour	6	2	2	2	11	15	6
West Wallsend	6	1	2	3	13	13	4
Central Coast	6	1	2	3	2	7	4
Tamworth	6	1	1	4	12	16	3
Armidale	6	0	0	6	6	32	0

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Northern NSW

Myles Hay

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A crowd of 2,500 packed into the compact Whitebridge ground for the eagerly-awaited ethnic derby between Highfield Azzurri and Hamilton Red Star.

As expected the referee Robbie Davies was kept busy waving his yellow cards of caution, before young Azzurri left-back Paul Murphy was ordered off for his treatment of Chris Kulapach.

A 2-2 draw, with Red Star fighting back from a two-goal deficit, has whetted the appetite of Soccer followers for the return clash.

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Sth Australia

Tom McKain

The SA Rothmans First Division title could be decided on Saturday although it is only the fourth round.

Para Hills are at home to league champions, Azzurri.

The latter is lying second on the table topped by Para only on goal difference.

Para slipped last week when it was held 1-1 in the northern derby against Elizabeth at the latter's ground.

Azzurri led Croatia 3-0 at home and appeared to be coasting . . . then had to fight for a 4-3 win when three goals came in four minutes, two for Croatia and one for Azzurri.

And in the last minute Croatia got another goal and if there had been five minutes left for play it could have been a draw.

Azzurri and Para have tremendous striking power — Azzurri pinning their main hopes on Wally Bojczuk, last year's top scorer in the league and now wanted by

Adelaide City in the PSL, backed by Chris Manolev, and Steve Whitehead.

Para has Jimmy Mitchell and Joe Mullen running hot, although Mullen missed a penalty — it went wide — which would have meant victory over Elizabeth last week.

Elizabeth have to visit Port Adelaide this week after the latter lost 3-2 at Campbelltown where the home side charged back after being down 2-0.

Polonia were shattered at home by Beograd.

The score was 1-0 but meant that in three opening rounds Beograd has not conceded a goal.

They're at home this week to Birkalla who had the game against Noarlunga won last week until Glen Wickstein, a midfielder, had to leap to turn a shot for a corner and thus give away a penalty.

Noarlunga, bottom of the table, scored at the second attempt after a defender had gone into the box too soon and Norm Green had saved.

Noarlunga have to face Campbelltown this week and even at home are unlikely to pick up points against a team which is goal hungry and super fit.

Indeed it was fitness which won them the game against Port who ran out of steam. Croatia who have proved that when they look dead they won't lie down, should pick up two home points when they take on Polonia, particularly if they can turn on their usual second half attacking form from the kick-off.



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KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE — GROUP 1

	U13	U14	U15	U16
ROUND 8 — April 24				
Leichhardt v Marrickville	6-1	0-1	3-2	5-1
ROUND 9 — April 26				
Marrickville v Baulkham Hills	0-4	2-4	3-0	5-0
Sydney Olympic v Central Coast	2-6	2-1	7-1	3-1
Ku-ring-gai v Leichhardt	0-2	1-2	3-2	0-1
Riverwood v Polonia	4-0	2-6	0-9	2-1
Southern v Melita	9-0	1-3	3-3	2-4
Blacktown Assn v Bankstown	0-5	2-2	1-3	0-3
Gladesville bye				
ROUND 10 — May 1				
Central Coast v Marrickville	1-0	3-1	5-2	1-1
Gladesville v Sydney Olympic	2-2	1-1	0-3	0-6
Baulkham Hills v Ku-ring-gai	0-0	1-3	0-7	—
Leichhardt v Riverwood	6-0	7-0	2-2	0-1
Polonia v Southern Dists	0-1	7-0	0-2	2-3
Melita v Bankstown	0-6	3-2	1-2	0-1
Blacktown Assn bye				

POINTS

Under 13: Leichhardt 19, Southern Dists 19, Bankstown 18, Baulkham Hills 14, Gladesville 14, Ku-ring-gai 13, Central Coast 10, Riverwood 9, Sydney Olympic 7, Blacktown Assn 6, Polonia 4, Melita 3, Marrickville 2.

Under 14: Polonia 17, Ku-ring-gai 16, Sydney Olympic 16, Blacktown Assn 14, Leichhardt 13, Bankstown 11, Central Coast 11, Gladesville 10, Melita 10, Baulkham Hills 7, Riverwood 5, Marrickville 5, Southern Dists 3.

Under 15: Sydney Olympic 20, Ku-ring-gai 18, Bankstown 14, Southern Dists 12, Central Coast 12, Marrickville 11, Leichhardt 11, Polonia 10, Gladesville 9, Baulkham Hills 9, Riverwood 5, Melita 5, Blacktown Assn 2.

Under 16: Leichhardt 16, Bankstown 15, Sydney Olympic 14, Riverwood 12, Melita 12, Marrickville 11, Polonia 11, Ku-ring-gai 11, Southern Dists 10, Central Coast 9, Gladesville 6, Blacktown Assn 3.

GROUP 2

	U13	U14	U15	U16
ROUND 9 — April 26				
Sutherland v Canterbury Assn	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-1
Sydney City v Wollongong	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-3
Auburn v St George	—	1-4	1-5	0-12
Nepean v Croatia	4-2	2-1	3-1	1-1
Marconi v Blacktown City	2-1	0-0	6-1	1-0
Avala v Manly	0-16	0-2	2-2	1-4
Granville bye				
ROUND 10 — May 1				
Wollongong v Canterbury Assn	1-0	0-0	1-1	6-0
St George v Sydney City	3-0	3-2	3-2	9-0
Sutherland v Nepean	1-4	5-0	6-0	0-2
Croatia v Marconi	0-1	0-8	0-4	3-1
Blacktown City v Avala	9-0	2-1	2-0	3-2
Manly v Granville	1-4	0-2	—	6-0
Auburn bye				

POINTS

Under 13: Granville 19, Nepean 17, St George 15, Marconi 15, Wollongong 13, Sutherland 13, Canterbury 11, Sydney City 10, Manly 9, Blacktown City 6, Croatia 6, Avala 4.

Under 14: St George 20, Marconi 19, Blacktown City 14, Canterbury 14, Auburn 13, Granville 12, Sutherland 11, Wollongong 11, Sydney City 10, Nepean 8, Avala 4, Manly 4, Croatia 2.

Under 15: Marconi 20, St George 17, Manly 15, Canterbury 15, Sutherland 15, Wollongong 11, Blacktown City 10, Auburn 9, Avala 8, Nepean 8, Sydney City 6, Croatia 4.

Under 16: St George 19, Wollongong 17, Manly 16, Nepean 14, Blacktown City 12, Avala 12, Sutherland 11, Marconi 11, Croatia 10, Canterbury 8, Auburn 6, Granville 3, Sydney City 1.

ROUND 11 — SAT, MAY 8:

Gladesville v M'ville Olympic
Ku-ring-gai v Central Coast
Riverwood v Baulkham Hills
Sth Districts v Leichhardt
Bankstown v Polonia
Blacktown Assn v Melita
Sydney Olympic — bye

L.H. Waud
Acron
Ted Horwood
Ernie Smith
Chopin Park
Francis Park

St George v Canterbury Assn
Sydney City v Auburn
Nepean v Illawarra W'gong
Marconi v Sutherland
Avala v Croatia
Granville v Blacktown City
Manly — bye

Blick Oval
Mona Park
Cook Park
Marconi
St Johns
Garside Park

OPEN VICTORIAN JUNIOR SOCCER TO THE MASSES

by Keith Gilmour

Tim White telephoned me early in April to say, rather apologetically, that he had been given the task of replying to my article of March 30.

My main plea was to decentralise junior Soccer in Victoria, and so open up Soccer to the masses in that very important State of Australia. He asked me in low key what I was on about, as he was new to his present job.

I made one vital challenge.

If Victoria is doing a big job for Soccer amongst Victorian youth, then would he get the number of teams of juniors in the State, multiply them by 14 players, and come up with the number of teams and players.

"I've got them at home," said Tim.

I read his article in these pages last week. Any sign of those tell-tale figures for comparison purposes escapes me.

It is too late in the day to merely accept without further examination the statement that Tim, as Director of Coaching, feels that the problem is not quantity of players, rather quality of players.

Tim, in all honesty, Victoria has two problems — not enough quality players and not enough quantity of players in the juniors and schools.

Could it be that you recognise the first but have been blinkered on the second?

In NSW, Queensland, ACT and Tasmania there is a clear principle that every boy who wants to play Soccer should be given the chance.

It is done at his own relative standard of play.

You refer to people just involving themselves in Soccer "to satisfy their own ego."

In all my life I have never found anything more natural than the interest of the parent (or relative or friend) in the child.

Sometimes over-interest has to be curbed, but that is very much a subsidiary matter.

That is the sport as a recreation side of things. It works, I know because I was involved long before the junior Soccer explosion along the Eastern seaboard.

I am in no doubt as to how it happened, and how it can happen in Victoria.

It is then up to the coaching experts to work for example as they do in the under 13, 14, 15 and 16 Youth Leagues and the NSW Youth League and leading clubs to polish up the young stars.

Quantity does not kill off quality. They work hand in hand. They are complementary, as one feeds the other.

In another aspect of the problem, unless Victoria joins the other States to increase ground-roots Soccer, then the VFL continues to win in Victoria by default.

I well remember in my days in junior administration how the VFL chased to obtain the exploding figures of NSW junior players.

They wanted no such movement by Soccer in Victoria.

The VFL must be having a good old horse laugh due to the way things turned out to their advantage in the Garden State.

My aim in bringing these problems before all who have Australian Soccer at heart is frankly to deepen Victoria's awareness of their problem.

It is Soccer's problem, because the whole of Australian Soccer is collectively greatly scarred because of it.

A chain is still as strong as its weakest link.

Do not discard these

JUNIOR DEBATE

words because it is a New South Welshman speaking to Victorians. Rather look to the meat in them, because we are all, first and foremost, Australians.

It might be noted that I suggested in my March 30 article that your officials could study and report on New Zealand's widespread organizational approach when they are there shortly.

Tim, New Zealand is a country of somewhat limited size, as is Victoria.

I managed a NSW under 16 team there and checked on their methods, and stood at a

point near Auckland where the country is barely a mile wide.

I am certain that decentralisation works in a State the size of Victoria, a country as limited as New Zealand looking at it island by island, or in a State the size of Queensland's decentralisation need is the greater, but the principle still holds.

Years ago I discussed a widespread junior game for Victoria with Ernie Barrett, then president of the Victorian Junior Management Committee.

I have been through the Victorian country in recent times, and have extensive contacts in the NSW country, southern Queensland and at one time in Adelaide, as well as many school connections.

I do not knock the valiant Victorian junior officials who put so much work in, but I am looking for the game to take a hold at long last.

Later we will look at some cold, hard figures of players in Victoria and other States.

For the moment let us just say that there are more players in Manly-Warringah and Ku-ring-gai Associations than in the whole of Melbourne.

Sydney has 10 more large associations in addition to those two.

There are more players in Newcastle-Hunter than in the whole of Melbourne.

Melbourne has a population of 2,500,000, the Manly-Warringah and Ku-ring-gai districts 600,000, and Newcastle-Hunter 450,000.

Whose view is right?

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

By Ralph Amore

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Diff
Leichhardt	11	6	3	2	16	8	15	+8
St George	10	6	2	2	20	9	14	+11
Marconi	11	5	2	4	15	11	12	+4
AIS	11	4	4	3	17	13	12	+4
Newcastle	11	6	0	5	21	18	12	+3
Sydney City	9	4	3	2	15	7	11	+8
Olympians	11	4	3	4	17	15	11	+2
Wollongong	10	2	0	8	12	29	4	-17
Canberra	10	1	1	8	9	32	3	-23

ROUND	HOME	AWAY	
12	AIS	Leichhardt	0-0
13	Marconi	St George	0-1
		Hannon	(ht 0-1)
13	Sydney City	Canberra	5-0
	Lee 3, Rodrigues, Vale		(ht 3-0)
13	AIS	Newcastle	1-1
	Brown, Fabrizio, Stankovic		own goal
13	Olympians	Leichhardt	0-0

LEADING GOALSCORERS:

7 Reis (Canberra), Townson (Olympians); 5 Colagui (St George); 4 Lowe, Gemmell (Newcastle), 4 Genovese, 4 De Ceglie (Leichhardt)

St George won the match of the round 1-0 against Marconi at Lambert Park.

The first half was dominated by Saints, but the 1-0 half-time score should have been stretched to possibly three or four but for bad finishing and the final pass always going astray.

The lone goal came in the 15th minute when Rob Gangi failed to clear a long ball. Mark Hannon came through for Saints, controlled the ball and beat keeper Veneri. Marconi only came close to scoring in the 45th minute from a free-kick 25 metres out

when Dennis Colusso bent the ball around the Saints wall and beat keeper Polbodetto only to see it hit the inside of the bar and rebound out.

In the second half, Saints continued to dominate proceedings. Once again chances went astray for them.

Best for Saints — Mark Hannon, Rick Baumgartner, Andrew Koczka. For Marconi — Dennis Colusso, Atti Carbone.

In Canberra, AIS continued their rise up the table with a convincing 3-1 win over Newcastle.

AIS opened the scoring in the 31st minute through Rod Brown. Newcastle soon responded through Alfie Stamp. In the second half AIS quickly dominated proceedings and were rewarded with a goal to Luciano Fabrizio from a free-kick. AIS again scored when a cross from Mark Boyd was deflected from Newcastle's Stankovic into his net. Best for Canberra — Jim Murray, Braden Shields.

At Pratten Park, Olympic held competition leaders Leichhardt to a scoreless draw.

Olympic provided all the entertainment with Leichhardt rarely getting out of first gear. Olympic had Ken Wilson in the first half and looked impressive. His absence in the second half was noted but Olympic held on. Others to play well were Tommy Gavin, Albert Nocera and Michael Kelly.

At the Sydney Athletic Field, Sydney City outclassed Canberra to the tune of 5-0. Grant Lee, returning after a long lay-off through injury, grabbed a hat-trick with Ean Rodrigues and Peter Vale netting the other two.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES:

ROUND 7 deferred game: Wed. May 5

St George v Canberra — St George Stadium

ROUND 13 — Sat. May 8: 12.15pm

Newcastle v Leichhardt — Inter Sports Centre

Sun. May 9: 12.45pm

Canberra v Wollongong — Marconi Oval

St George v Sydney City — St George Stadium

AIS v Marconi — Bruce Stadium

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COACHING TO LEVEL 2

Richard Alagich talks to
Keith Gilmour

In his recent trip to Yugoslavia, St George Director of Coaching Richard Alagich spent two weeks working at the Institute of Kinesiology in Zagreb.

He checked out latest trends in Soccer instruction with Professor Stepan Jerkovic, who had been his room-mate whilst previously studying there.

He learnt that both Jerkovic and Professor Gabrijelic, dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and head of the Soccer Academy, would be available to come to Australia next December.

"All they would look for is plane tickets, accommodation and expenses.

"I would say that \$5,000 would cover the lot.

"You could not get two better men to offer advice and link up with any local research programmes," Alagich said.

One is left wondering

how the Australian Soccer Federation and its coaching arm would view any such visit.

If not this year, surely budget funds could be allocated in future, as experts of their level of study would have a tremendous input to live on matters in this country.

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Richard Alagich in a break in discussions with Professors Jerkovic and Gabrijelic in Zagreb.

QUEENSLAND'S YOUTH PREPARATIONS

Queensland has pared down its Youth squad for the Australian Youth Championships in Canberra this month from 24 to a final 16.

Players are drawn from the Philips League and State League clubs, whilst four are studying at the Australian Institute of Sport and are living in Canberra.

Stuart Woodruffe, from the Mt Gravatt club, is vying for a place. He has the unusual credentials of playing both as a striker and a goalkeeper.

Queensland is looking to have some

of its players in the final squad that goes to Port Moresby in December to take part in the qualifying rounds for the 1983 World Youth Championship.

Having such a strong squad, with players from many parts of this widespread State, is vindication indeed for Queensland's strong youth policies, which have carried Soccer to all parts of the State.

13 UNIS AT INTERVARSITY SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Harry Gill

Intervarsity Coordinator, Melbourne University Sports Union

The Intervarsity Soccer Championships for men and women are being hosted by Melbourne University this year, from May 9 to 14.

This tournament is recognised as a first-class national competition by the Australian Soccer Federation, and the following Universities are sending teams: Queensland, Griffith, New England, Sydney, NSW, Macquarie, Newcastle, ANU, LaTrobe, Monash, Deakin, Tasmania. With hosts Melbourne this involves 13 Universities and about 320 participants.

NSW are the defending champions, having defeated Melbourne 1-0 in last year's final in Newcastle. This year's

competition is expected to be even more keenly fought, with the larger number of entries.

In addition, the organisers provide a busy entertainment programme for the week, so the championships should be highly successful in all aspects.

Matches will be played on campus at Melbourne University and at Princes Park. The competition will also give the selectors an opportunity to pick an Australian Universities team.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of August 31, 1982 qualify for consideration for this year's prizes. They are: first \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100 and fourth \$50. The decision of the editorial staff is final. Keep your news and photos coming in to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

METRO CHAMPIONSHIPS KICK OFF SUNDAY

Competing Districts with No of teams:

Nepean 10, 11, 12; St George 11, 12; Sutherland 11, 12; Ku-ring-gai 11, 12; Canterbury 10, 11, 12; Illawarra 10, 11, 12; Gladesville 10, 11, 12; Granville 10, 11, 12; S/Eastern 10, 11, 12; Central Coast 10, 11, 12; Manly 11, 12; Bankstown 10, 11, 12; Blacktown 10, 11, 12; S/Districts 11.

KICK-OFF TIMES —

Under 12 — 9 am

Under 11 — 10 am

Under 10 — 11 am

Inquiries to competition secretary, Dick Bates on 85 7466.

ROUND 1 — 9.5.82
Ku-ring-gai v Canterbury
Sutherland v S/Eastern
St George v Illawarra
Nepean v Manly
Blacktown v Bankstown
Granville v C/Coast
Gladesville v S/Districts

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\$800 RAISED FOR YOUTHS

Next month, an Under 15 Youth League team from Canterbury in Sydney will play matches in Tasmania — but it's an expensive expedition.

There was a nice wind-fall for the tour kitty last week when more than 80 people attended a Chinese banquet at North Ryde RSL Club.

It was inspired by good friends of junior Soccer, Bill Englefield and George Chung — with Rale Rasic as guest speaker — and the function raised more than \$800.

Rasic, asked to draw the winning ricket for a Soccer ball, drew his own number! He returned the ball to be raffled again.



AMATEUR CUPS KICK OFF

The NSW Amateur Cup, Under 21 Robertson Cup, and the State Cups for Under 18, 16 and 14 teams kicked off on Sunday in generally excellent weather.

There is no doubt about the turn-around in country standards, as these sample scores show.

U16: Forbes 3 Lakemba Sports 1; Dubbo 2 Curl Curl 1.

U14: Orange 2 Panania RSL 1; Bankstown Sports 4 Cowra 2.

PRAISE FOR MINI AMPOL CUP COVERAGE

At long last the Aust Soccer public has a Soccer paper prepared to support juniors. The advertisement for Ampol's Mini Cup Final is a credit to the NSWASF and ASW.

Long may your paper reign as Soccer's leading publication.

Alex Pirie,
Croydon Park, NSW.

I was amazed to read in your latest edition of ASW, which I obtain from St George S.C. every Monday evening, that Ampol, Soccer's longest sponsor, was receiving recognition from the NSWASF.

It is a pity that the senior administrators of the game do not look to acknowledge their sponsors in such a way.

The advertisement did the sponsors proud and no doubt will be remembered by the two young teams that did battle on Wednesday for the coveted Mini Ampol Cup.

B. Carnley,
Wiley Park, NSW.

Congratulations ASW on providing appropriate recognition of the U13 Mini Ampol Cup

ADRIGAN & ARNEIL AID YOUTH

by Keith Gilmour

Denes Adrigan will be one of the leading figures involved in the promotion of the Australian Youth Championships this year.

The under 16 titles will be contested at Cook Park, St Marys.

Adrigan is involved with youth development for the Penrith City Council.

He has coached many NSW State League and First Division clubs and is regarded as one of Australia's foremost goal-keeper coaches.

Coaching is coming into its own with NSW Director of Coaching Eric Arneil advising that plans have been completed to take high quality coaching into an area of NSW every six weeks.

Fifty youngsters will be coached at Orange at the Wollaroi-Kinross College during May school holidays.

A party of 108 has been booked into the Narrabeen National Fitness Camp for trials to select

the NSW under 13 and 14 teams for the national championships in August.

A course for coaches and players will be conducted in the first week of the holidays at Nowra, the popular South Coast centre.

Coaches go to the Far South also, when they handle a course in the growth area of Eden.

The Bankstown City and Marconi Soccer Clubs are combining to stage a special clinic for juniors this Thursday from 4.30 pm at the Bankstown Soccer Centre.

The clinic has been arranged as Marconi are sponsored by Datsun, and Bankstown are sponsored by the Bankstown dealer, Globe Datsun.

CENTENARY CUP IN FULL SWING

by Keith Gilmour

The under 12 Centenary Cup provides an excellent tournament for this age-group and has attracted widespread interest.

The series runs from Monday, May 10 to Sunday, May 16, and is a promotion of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The venue is one of the best and most popular grounds in the strong Sutherland Shire area of Sydney.

It is Kareela, handily situated on the corner of Princess Highway and Bates Drive at Kirrawee.

The rules are those of the National Championships, and each competing team is allowed two reserves and a nominated goalkeeper.

Every team plays on every day of the tournament proper.

Semi-finals are set down for Saturday, May 15 together with play-offs between the second teams in Pools A and B and the third teams in Pools C and D.

The finals and the play-off for third place will be held on the Sunday.

The Sydney Associations are involved, together with many five teams from interstate and country alike.

The visitors are Albury-Wodonga, ACT North, ACT South, Far South Coast, Elizabeth (SA), Newcastle, NSW Northern Rivers, Western NSW, Macquarie (Lake Macquarie), North Tasmania, Southern Tablelands and Griffith (from the Murrumbidgee irrigation area).

Final in your newspaper. It is a pity that other sections of the media do not follow suit, and provide a much-needed service to the followers of the code.

Ron Piper,
Bankstown, NSW.

I would like to congratulate ASW for your tremendous effort.

Your advertisement of the Mini Ampol Cup Final can only encourage and support junior Soccer in NSW, and Sydney in particular.

The young players of today must become the champion of tomorrow and that success must be helped by your efforts.

The publicity that you have given junior Soccer in your magazine has been tremendous and your endeavour can only be applauded.

James Wakeling (secretary CDSFA),
Campsie, NSW.

I have read this morning's edition of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and thought it timely to expend a sincere feeling about the future of the game.

The advertisement concerning the Mini Ampol Cup Final demonstrates that those responsible for the future of the game have suddenly got it all together. The party or parties responsible for the advertisement of the Final deserve a medal.

I am sure that with this type of support for junior players, we will soon be saying goodbye to cheap and nasty imports.

D. Cosentino,
Hurlstone Park, NSW.

WORLD SOCCER SHOTS

COMPILED BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The New York Cosmos will again be the glamour club, as 37,408 turned out to see the Cosmos thrash World Cup Finalists, Peru, 5-1, in a friendly match.

Should Fiorentina miss out on the Argentinian captain, they will focus on Eintracht's Austrian international defender, Bruno Pezzey.

Zico, highest-paid player in Brazil, has a lucrative promotional contract with an international Sports Clothing Company to wear their products when he appears in public.

Miljanic also wants to recall New York Cosmos' Ivan Buljan to his national squad.

The French player to impress Greenwood the most was Jean-Francois Larios. Greenwood stated: "He reminds me very much of Nyilasi, the Hungarian captain. If Platini can play better, then he must be one hell of a player."

West Germany is drawn to play Chile, Austria and Algeria in the first round of the World Cup.

22 — Simon Stainrod
(Queens Park Rangers)
21 — Ronnie Moore
(Rotherham)
20 — Luther, Blissett (Wat-
ford)
19 — Gary Bannister (Shef-
field Wednesday), Keith
Houchen
(Orient - All for Hartlepool)

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	BIRMINGHAM	LIVERPOOL	1	2
	BRIGHTON	IPSWICH	2	2
	EVERTON	WOLVES	3	1
	MAN. CITY	COVENTRY	4	X
	MIDDLESBRO'	ARSENAL	5	X
	NOTT' M. FOR.	SWANSEA	6	X
	SOUTH' PTON	SUNDERLAND	7	1
	STOKE	NOTTS C.	8	1
	TOTTENHAM	LEEDS	9	1
	WEST BROM.	ASTON VILLA	10	X
DIVISION 2	WEST HAM	MAN. UTD.	11	2
	BARNSELY	Q.P.R.	12	X
	BOLTON	SHEFF. WED.	13	X
	CAMB'GE U.	CHARLTON	14	1
	CARDIFF	CRYSTAL P.	15	1
	CHELSEA	LUTON	16	X
	NEWCASTLE	WREXHAM	17	1
	NORWICH	ORIENT	18	1
	OLDHAM	DERBY	19	1
	ROTHERHAM	BLACKBURN	20	1
DIVISION 3	SHREWSBURY	GRIMSBY	21	1
	WATFORD	LEICESTER	22	1
	BRISTOL R.	PLYMOUTH	23	X
	BURNLEY	WALSALL	24	1
	CHESTER	LINCOLN	25	2
	DONCASTER	FULHAM	26	2
	EXETER	SOUTHEND	27	X
	GILLINGHAM	OXFORD UTD.	28	X
	HUDDERSF'LD	BRENTFORD	29	1
	MILLWALL	PORTSMOUTH	30	1
DIVISION 4	PRESTON	CHESTERF'LD	31	1
	READING	CARLISLE	32	2
	SWINDON	NEWPORT	33	1
	BRADFORD C.	BOURNEM' TH	34	X
	HARTLEPOOL	BURY	35	X
	HEREFORD	CREWE	36	1
	HULL	ROCHDALE	37	1
	SCUNTHORPE	DARLINGTON	38	1
	SHEFF. UTD.	PETERBORO'	39	1
	WIGAN A.	MANSFIELD	40	1
SCOTTISH PREM. DIV.	ABERDEEN	ST. MIRREN	41	1
	AIRDRIE	MORTON	42	1
	DUNDEE UTD.	CELTIC	43	X
	HIBERNIAN	PARTICK	44	1
	RANGERS	DUNDEE	45	1
	AYR	Q. OF SOUTH	46	1
	DUMBARTON	FALKIRK	47	1
	E. STIRLING	HAMILTON	48	2
	KILMARNOCK	HEARTS	49	X
	MOTHERWELL	DUNF' MLINE	50	1
DIVISION 1	QUEENS PK.	RAITH	51	1
	ST. JOHNS' NE	CLYDEBANK	52	2
	ALLOA	COWDENB' TH	53	1
	BERWICK	FORFAR	54	1
	BRECHIN	ARBROATH	55	X

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 13, 22, 25, 41, 44, 50

SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 2, 3, 5, 15, 20, 21, 27, 28, 49

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Cagliari v Milan	1-1	Sion v G'hoppers	1-2
Cesena v C'zaro	4-1	Young Boys v Servette	1-0
Cosenza v Palermo	1-0	Zurich v Bulla	5-0

B'zona v Vevey	2-1
Lausanne v Chiasso	2-2
Neuchatel v Basle	4-2
Nordstern v Aarau	0-1
St Gallen v Lucerne	1-1
Sion v G'hoppers	1-2
Young Boys v Servette	1-0
Zurich v Bulle	5-0

Newells v De Jujuy	4-3
Quilmes v R Plate	2-3
In Cordoba v Sarmiento	3-1
In Mendoza v Chicago	2-1
Con Tucuman v F Oeste	0-3
Estud D.E. v U Santa Fe	1-1
Arg Juniors v U Cordoba	1-1
l'diente v S. L D Plate	3-0
Central De S v Rosario	0-1
Boca Jun v E'iantes L P	1-1
Moreno De J T Cordoba	0-1
Vel S'field v S. M De Tuc	1-3
D'tivo R N v Racing Club	2-1
C Rosario v Guarani Mis	1-1
Racing Cord v Platense	2-1

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

Although Johnny Perin has been appointed caretaker-coach of Adelaide City, he may not be there until the end of the season.

According to president Mr Lou Ravesi, the club may advertise for a coach — and Perin is welcome to apply.

If he gets the team back on a winning course the club may decide to stick with him, but there will be no shortage of applicants.

One is certain to be Bobby Ferguson, the former West Ham and Scotland goalkeeper at present City's second choice keeper.

He "retired" to Australia last year with his Adelaide-born wife, intending to coach, but got caught up with City as a player this year.

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Adelaide's two PSL clubs could be hit by the ban on imports or visa players to be imposed next year.

For starters West could lose Kiwi internationals Allan Boath and Steve Sumner, while City could find Glenn Dods also packed off to New Zealand.

City also has England Youth player Neil Banfield, and the three Flounders brothers, although the latter are expected to remain as permanent migrants.

Manecas from Portugal is another West import along with Englishman Mickey Brennan.

The latter, however, is also expected to make it clear he will be remaining in Australia permanently.

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GLENN DODS

If you can believe all the "inspired" stories, Tommy Docherty will settle in Australia and join South Melbourne, Adelaide City, Newcastle KB, Sydney City, Sydney Olympic or Marconi.

Or, perhaps, none of them!

There is little doubt, though, that The Doc will get some good offers when he arrives this month.

The offer he would most like would be one from the Australian Soccer Federation. As national coach.

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On the day Brisbane City played Sydney Olympic, a Brisbane Sunday paper carried a quote from City coach Nereo Saffich: "Sooner or later, we've got to get a result away from home and there's nothing to say it won't be against Sydney Olympic."

Saffich got his result all right. Olympic 5 Brisbane City 0.

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Charlie Perkins is back as a board member of Canberra Arrows — by invitation. And that is a real form reversal, for there was much animosity after Charlie failed to regain the presidency a little over a year ago.

Yet he has continued to play an active behind-the-scenes role, particularly in the close-season "Save the Arrows" appeal fund.

And Charlie, boss of the federally-funded Aboriginal Development Commission, still finds time to play — with other "amateurs" in the ACT Canberra League.

"I enjoy every minute of it," he told ASW this week.

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Billy Henderson, Australia's top goalkeeper and regular international in the early fifties, is all lined up to take in the FA Cup final in England followed by the World Cup in Spain. "I've been waiting for this ever since I was in West Germany for the 1974 finals," Billy said.

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Wollongong City's youth team results fall a long way short of demonstrating the excellent potential of the players from this famous NSW Soccer area. However some players, including Natch Vardareff, Glen Fontana and Larry Gaffney are local products. Joining them are Phil Kerr and now Ray Vlietstra, the NSW Schools captain, who is a stopper under consideration for inclusion in the Australian Youth team for the coming World Youth Championship. Not far behind is the very talented Zivko Hrstovski, who is already on a full contract for the Wolves.



LARRY GAFFNEY

Sydney City manager Andrew Lederer was not impressed by the approach of New Zealand international striker Wynton Rufer in his recent negotiations with the club. "Some young fellows get a couple of good games behind them and they think they can demand the same terms as Kevin Keegan," he growled.

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West Adelaide coach Alan Vest is having the annual battle his predecessors had — to train at their home ground, Hindmarsh Stadium.

Only problem is that it is also the headquarters of the SA Soccer Federation and rightly they want to keep the pitch in top order for PSL Sunday games and State matches on Saturday — plus the Ampol Cup night series and any State matches.

But Vest is pressing on with his quest, and it looks as if he might get two nights' at HQ.

Otherwise he has to make with inferior lighting and surface at a school training ground.

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MEMO ADELAIDE CITY — Those bright red and large numbers on the back of the team shirts do not do the job, due to the fundamental mistake of having vertical stripes next to them. This leads to an impossible situation with numbers such as 3, 8 and 9. A professional approach means that such matters must be handled correctly. Similarly Sydney Olympic's numbers are in a modern style but they are not in sufficient contrast and in the distance look grey rather than a black colour in stark contrast to the white strip.

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PRESTO HAMS FOR ASW READERS

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY receives many letters from readers — indicating the enormous interest being shown in Australia's favourite Soccer newspaper.

We enjoy getting your letters, so keep sending them in.

Each Tuesday, we feature the best of those letters in this READERS' FORUM section.

The top letter every week qualifies its writer for a great leg of PRESTO ham, which will be delivered.

If, in any particular week, there is no outstanding PRESTO LETTER OF THE WEEK, the Editor reserves the right to withhold the prize.

It is essential for letters to ASW to be kept brief and to the point. We just do not have time to wade through page after page from readers: neither do we have the space to publish such wordy contributions.

Here is the PRESTO LETTER OF THE WEEK for this week:—

Your editorial of April 20 offers three alternatives for the PSL's future:

1) A NSW "Super League" and others to fend for themselves.

2) Two regionalised competitions, North and South.

3) The present set-up and little future.

The first would be successful in NSW and would create an exodus of useful players from Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne to Sydney. Other States would be worse off than in pre-PSL times.

Regionalisation would not greatly reduce travelling costs, would weaken the overall standards of the two leagues and would not significantly increase attendances.

The present system could stumble along for a couple more years and collapse.

There are no easy solutions. But I still dream.

Perhaps clubs will follow Olympic's example and play attractive, attacking football based on enthusiastic determined local youngsters.

Perhaps an idea mooted in "New Scientist" magazine may be adopted. Drawn games are given to the team whose goalie has handled the ball the least. This would increase attacking play and discourage back-passing.

Perhaps the troubled British clubs will, later this year, have talented, crowd-pulling players available at a reasonable price.

Perhaps Tommy Docherty will stay this time and bring crowds of 20,000 to watch Sydney City or Newcastle.

Perhaps some of the above will occur and Kerry Packer will pour millions into the game.

Perhaps I'm a stupid dreamer.

Neil Pollock,
Marrickville, NSW.



It is time that the Victorian Soccer Federation and the Melbourne Phillips League Soccer Clubs combined forces to stand up for more space in the Melbourne daily papers.

Not one city in Australia has to put up with the lack of Soccer cover that exists in Victoria.

There should be a move to stop buying the papers which do not give the sport fair cover.

Some give a little bit of news, but statistics should be marshalled to show the extent of the communities that are interested in the game.

A properly-run campaign, with approaches at high level to the board and the editors of the publishing companies involved, is required.

Any state I visit has good reasonable Soccer cover, but in Melbourne it is poverty itself.

It might be found that Ethnic Affairs or Ethnic Councils would lend their weight.

A. McMillan,
Belrose, N.S.W.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.
Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Four weeks into the NSW State League and a question has been answered. Where do supporters go from the game?

Blacktown City, who had an average of over 2,500 spectators in 1980/81, have lost some 2,000 persons this year. Who are they watching this year?

Answer, no team!
Nearest club "Marconi" are struggling to draw 2,000 people to their ground and if that is not related to the club having a big shake-up then I am a bad judge.

Once people give the game away, they rarely return.

So for the good of Soccer protect your fans, and only relegate clubs that are stagnating and beyond help.

No support, no money.
I challenge any of the PSL committee to disagree.

B.M. Adair,
Sydney.

Without fail I purchase Australian Soccer Weekly every week and your opposition paper.

I must compliment you on the format from PSL, State League, Juniors, etc, complimented by the overseas section, etc.

This week's edition from April 6th, would have been a sellout in Qld, had your World Cup section, centre pages, been in colour I know there is extra cost involved but I'm quite sure to your credit it would have been worth it.

"Darby's Drill" and Jim Hermiston's coaching hints are ideal and I have heard good comments from junior coaches on these.

The "Big Mac" involvement in Soccer really has me excited, just as much as last year's World Youth Cup, and I sincerely hope that the sponsorship is administered properly. What a boost for "the only" football code.

P.S.: Why can't your photographers show the rest of Australia the best Soccer Stadium in Aust. — Brisbane City's Spencer Park facilities.

Jim Bell,
Representative Soccer Administrator,
Brisbane North Districts Junior Soccer Assoc., Qld.

I refer to the sports headline in the "Daily Mirror" (Sydney) on Thursday, April 15, 1982: "APIA ace is just raring for action." From then on the team in question was referred to as APIA five times and, almost as a token recognition of the PSL registered name, APIA — Leichhardt, once. I refer to this article particularly because it was written by someone I thought had a clear-thinking and constructive mind of Australian Soccer, judging from his column in a leading Soccer periodical. I refer to none other than Tom Anderson of "The Anderson Report" (page 3) in A.S.W. I think that your Soccer paper is indeed an excellent publication and judging from my "local" newsagents, reasons for my missing out on my last two copies more and more people, of late, think the same. However, if Mr. Anderson is indeed "No 1 for Soccer" as is proudly displayed next to his picture in the "Mirror", surely he above all others should recognise and use the club's correct name. Anyone reading that article and looking in A.S.W. for a team called APIA would be in for a bit of a surprise. I applaud your paper. (Unfortunately for Australian Soccer, the team is still introduced on the field as APIA, and banners encourage patrons to cheer with the "APIA supporter's club". Anyone unfamiliar with the background of the club or the league could easily believe they had come to the wrong game.

I salute Keith Gilmour for his article "Where does Leichhardt stand" A.S.W. 6/4/82 which was short but to the point. This attitude of Leichhardt still being seen as APIA is not only confined to the home ground and the "Mirror", however, as other newspapers and television Soccer segments are also at fault. Therefore, it would appear that this situation is perpetuated from an administrative level and not from sheer ignorance in the media. Can you remember the last time Sydney Olympic was referred to as Pan Hellenic? (The PSL, as a whole, should look into this situation as soon as possible.

Signed - An Ex Leichhardt supporter,
Barry Fitzsimmons,
Dulwich Hill

PROGRAMME GETS 3 OUT OF 12

That awful match programme which sells for 50 cents at some Sydney PSL matches doesn't improve much.

We complained that players' numbers were not listed, a reasonable gripe because names and numbers are the most important ingredient of any match programme.

Now the numbers ARE being printed. Unfortunately, they're not right.

At the Athletic Field there were 12 players listed for Sydney City. Nine had the wrong numbers.

This is inexcusable. If the programme deliberately set out to mislead the spectators, it could hardly have done a better job.

CONFESSIONS OF BRIAN CLOUGH!

Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough takes the blame for his team's indifferent form this season.

In a remarkably frank TV interview, Clough admitted: "We have made more mistakes in the manager's office than out on the field. I am not losing confi-

dence in my own ability but I hope some of our new signings will be of the standard Forest used to have. Of course we make mistakes. Players we have bought have not lived up to their reputations. Our standard of signings in the past two years has not been good."

THIS IS WHAT SIMON SAYS

The name Simon Stainrod is not among the most famous in English Soccer but Simon says plenty when he discusses his own ability.

Stainrod is the 23 year-old Queens Park Rangers centre-forward who hopes to pick up a Cup-winners medal when his team plays Spurs at Wembley on May 22.

He wants something else — an English international cap.

Listen to what Simon says:—

"I want to play for England more than anything else. I want to prove to the world that English football, and players in this country, have a great degree of skill."

"If England are to succeed at the highest level, teams have to be selected with the most skilful players in them — and that would include me."

"I have got the skill and I believe people who matter



Simon Stainrod

know that. The only concern is my ability to work hard which, this season, I seem to have put right."

If self-confidence means anything, Simon Stainrod will shoot into the English World Cup side.

SIR ALF RAMSEY LOOKS BACK

Sir Alf Ramsey, the man who guided England to its only World Cup success (1966) is now a football consultant, which really means he spends much more time with his wife than he could ever manage when he was managing.

He's been looking back on the good old days in an interview in the Daily Star.

Sir Alf says: "I've enjoyed everything that football has offered. And it

may even be said, at some future date, that I contributed something to the game."

"I will not be going to Spain for the World Cup — I cannot afford it. I'll settle

down and watch the matches on TV."

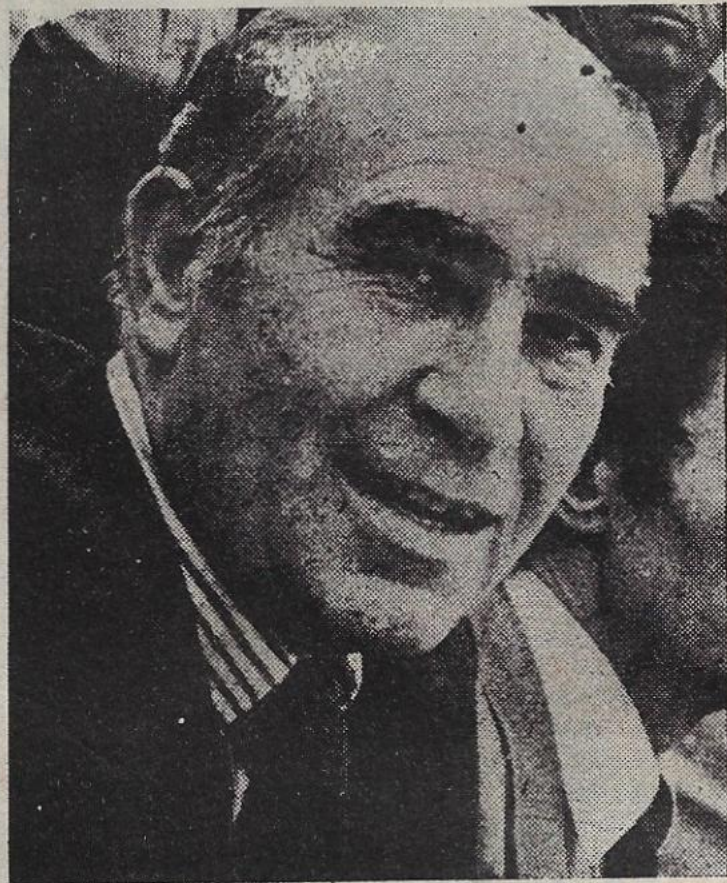
"I would love to be in Spain but I feel I owe my wife a bit of time now. She gave me the licence to do so many things. Repayment time has come."

Sir Alf recalls the day he was travelling by train soon after being tossed out as England boss. A bunch of football fans on the train

spotted him and one asked: "What happened with England, Sir Alf?"

Back came the answer: "They sacked me." He was then asked: "They can't sack a Sir, can they?"

But they did... and England has never looked like winning the World Cup since.



SIR ALF RAMSEY



WHYTE IS NEW STAR

It's interesting to note how many black men are forcing their way into top teams in England — virtually every club has two or three or more.

One who seems destined for stardom is called — believe it or not — Whyte. He's Chris Whyte (20) and he has been turning in excellent performances this season with Arsenal.

Whyte was called up recently for England's Under 21 squad against Scotland. He took the place of his Highbury colleague Graham Rix who withdrew with groin trouble. Whyte's nickname? "Huggy Bear".

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MARCH WAS BLACKEST MONTH

March 1982 has gone into the record books as the most violent month in the history of English Soccer.

During March, no fewer than 32 players were sent off the field. Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, puts much of the blame on referees.

Taylor said: In the past 10 years, the number of bookings has quadrupled, but we all know the game is not four times rougher than it used to be."

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VILLA BOSS GETS \$30,000

Tony Barton, who was appointed manager of Aston Villa a few weeks ago, will collect a salary of around \$30,000 a year.

This may shake a few of Australia's Philips Soccer League big spenders. Wasn't there a story recently that one club had offered Tommy Docherty a contract worth \$50,000 a year.

Aston Villa are champions of the English first division. As such, they are not short of a quid. And new boss Barton isn't complaining about being underpaid.

It is not surprising that most clubs in the PSL are in deep financial trouble. Maybe they should stop throwing their money around... especially when they haven't got it!

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Tony Barton

IT WASN'T THE TUNNEL OF LOVE

Soccer's brawls are usually staged on the terraces but there was one recently in the players' tunnel at Kenilworth Road after the Luton Town v Newcastle United match.

Players involved were Luton's Mal Donaghy and Newcastle's David Mills.

A steward who tried to separate them was spattered in blood. He said: "They went wild."

Mills had a plaster on his chin when he left the ground.

There seems to have been some trouble on the bench, too, with Luton manager David Pleat and Newcastle manager Arthur Cox.

Pleat said: "There was a lot of passion in the match with most of it coming from the Newcastle bench. If I was

Arthur Cox, I'd take a pill."

In his programme article, Pleat had written: "I'm asking our physio for earplugs because Arthur Cox and Tommy Cavanagh can prove quite a handful!"

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REID IN TROUBLE

Nicky Reid, one of England's most promising defenders, appears to be due for a move from Manchester City.

Reid was axed by City for a breach of club discipline before the Wolves game on Easter Monday. He was recalled for the game against Swansea, but that didn't mean peace between player and club.

Reid, who has played for England Under 21's, will be allowed to leave Maine Road if a suitable offer comes along.

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CAUTIOUS WITH THE CASH

This season, Arsenal have bought only one star player — Yugoslavian Vladimir Petrovic — and they've been criticised by supporters for not buying more. Nottingham Forest, on the other hand, have spent \$5,000,000, with little to show for it. After Arsenal beat Forest 2-0, the Gunners boss Terry Neill said: "I'm thankful we've been patient. Other clubs have spent plenty of money without getting things right. It was important Arsenal did not make the same mistake."

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Darlington had their biggest crowd for 14 years... for a friendly fixture.

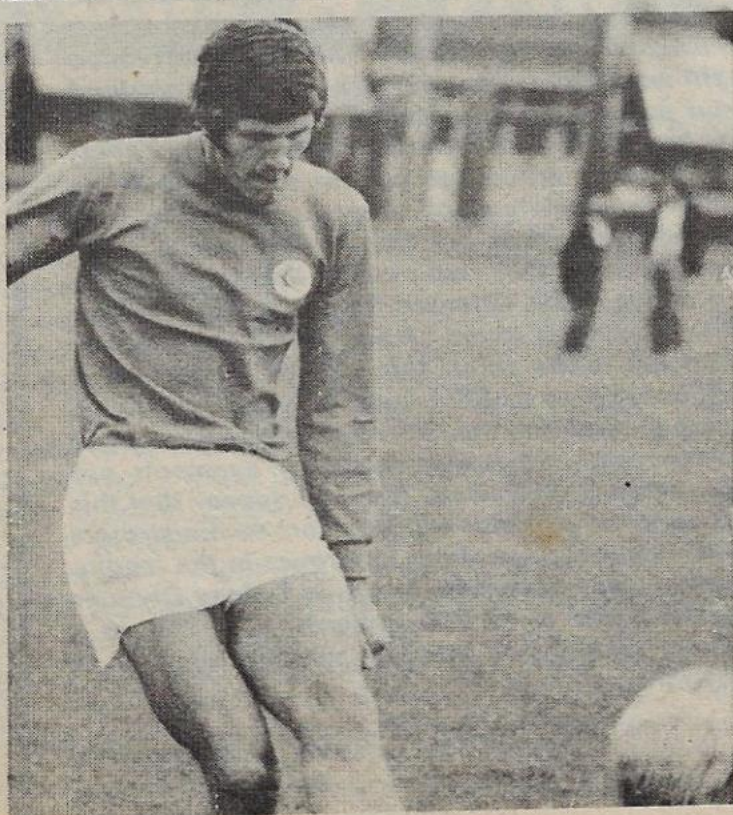
They played first division Southampton and 9,415 spectators paid to see Darlington shatter the Saints 5-2. Darlington's David Speedie, who hit a hat trick, outshone the glamorous Kevin Keegan and Co.

"GIVE TOSH 10 YEARS"

John Bond, manager of Manchester City, is just one admirer of John Toshack, the so-successful boss of Swansea City. Bond handed some good advice to Swansea directors when he said: "Give Tosh a 10-year contract. That's the most important move you can make. If Toshack leaves Swansea, the whole success thing could fold up."

Since Toshack took over, Swansea have enjoyed unprecedented results — and they've done it by playing crowd-pleasing football.

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JOHN TOSHACK

UK SOCCER

ENGLISH STANDINGS							DIVISION FOUR							Tranmere			
DIVISION ONE														Darlington			
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Liverpool	24	6	7	73	28	78	Sheff Utd	24	15	4	85	40	87	12	18	53	46
Ipswich	23	5	10	69	48	74	Wigan	25	12	4	85	40	87	14	11	57	57
Manchester Utd	19	11	8	52	28	68	Bradford	24	12	6	77	43	87	12	18	54	51
Swansea	20	6	12	54	44	66	Bournemouth	23	15	4	85	27	84	13	10	62	73
Tottenham	18	9	8	57	35	63	Peterboro	24	10	9	69	49	82	11	17	67	82
Southampton	18	8	13	65	58	62	Colchester	18	12	13	78	55	66	11	17	67	82
Arsenal	17	10	11	39	34	61	Bury	16	16	10	75	54	64	8	20	14	67
Everton	15	12	12	52	48	57	Port Vale	16	18	11	52	47	64	12	7	23	60
West Ham	14	13	11	61	51	55	Hull	17	10	16	65	58	61	10	11	23	60
Manchester City	14	13	12	47	46	55	Hereford	14	18	11	57	55	60	9	12	22	39
Sunderland	9	13	16	49	56	40	Blackpool	14	12	17	53	57	54	6	9	28	26
Aston Villa	13	12	13	37	44	51											
Nottingham Forest	12	13	14	40	49	49											
Brighton	13	7	18	58	63	46											
Notts County	12	10	17	48	55	46											
Coventry	10	10	19	39	56	40											
Birmingham	10	10	19	39	56	40											
Sunderland	9	11	16	41	47	38											
West Brom	9	11	17	33	52	38											
Leeds	10	7	21	38	59	37											
Stoke	9	9	21	29	53	36											
Wolves	9	9	21	29	53	36											
Middlesbrough	6	14	18	30	48	32											

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Leeds	9	11	17	33	52	38		Celtic	33	23	6	4	76	30	52
Stoke	10	7	21	38	59	37		Aberdeen	31	18	7	6	55	26	43
Wolves	9	9	21	29	59	36		Rangers	33	14	11	8	50	41	39
Middlesbro	6	14	18	30	48	32		Dundee Utd	33	13	10	10	55	35	36
DIVISION TWO								St Mirren	31	14	8	9	48	39	36
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		Hibs	34	11	12	11	37	39	34
Luton	22	12	4	77	40	78		Morton	34	9	10	15	30	53	28
Watford	21	11	7	69	38	74		Dundee	34	10	4	20	45	68	24
Sheff Wed	19	9	11	50	45	66		Partick	33	6	9	18	32	53	21
Norwich	20	5	14	59	47	65		Airdrie	34	5	7	22	30	74	17
QPR	19	6	13	57	36	63									
Barnsley	18	9	12	55	38	63									
Rotherham	19	6	14	58	48	63									
Leicester	17	11	9	52	40	62									
Blackburn	16	10	13	45	37	58									
Newcastle	16	8	15	48	43	58									
Chelsea	15	10	17	50	58	53									
Oldham	13	13	13	45	50	52									
Derby	13	12	15	50	60	51									
Grimsby	11	11	17	47	62	44									
Cambridge	11	9	19	42	51	42									
Crystal Palace	11	9	18	30	41	42									
Wrexham	10	11	17	34	46	41									
Cardiff	11	10	17	34	46	41									
Bolton	11	10	17	34	46	41									
Shrewsbury	9	12	16	34	57	39									
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Brentford	18	10	15	52	43	67											
Chesterfield	16	11	10	53	48	63											
Millwall	16	12	13	54	52	60											
Plymouth	18	11	17	59	53	59											
Gillingham	16	15	15	56	53	58											
Reading	16	12	10	70	50	56											
Portsmouth	13	17	11	46	42	58											
Preston	14	13	15	46	50	50											
Bristol Rov	16	9	17	52	58	58											
Huddersfield	14	11	17	56	56	53											
Walsal	13	13	17	50	51	52											
Exeter	17	7	20	86	75	52											
Doncaster	14	11	15	50	64	54											
Newport	12	15	18	47	49	48											
Swindon	12	12	15	51	64	48											
Wimbledon	10	10	21	50	72	40											
Bristol City	9	11	24	35	72	32											